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## George Tate to Willard McKinstry

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Camp near Harrison's Landing

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

Mr. McKinstry

Dear Sir

Before leaving Fair Oaks I sent to you by Express all of Arthur's effects of any account that I could gather, & at the same time wrote you a letter inclosing a part of a letter which Arthur commenced May 24<sup>th</sup> just before leaving Yorktown in pursuit of the rebels. A short time after but before the <sup>box</sup> could have had time to reach you the Capt. received a letter from you desiring him to send the things then in his possession. The Capt. showed me the letter & I concluded from its date that the box had reached

you soon after you mailed  
the letter & awaited some  
word from it - which has not  
yet arrived, although I think  
you must have received it.

Our divisions together  
with Sedgwick's started on a  
reconnaissance to Malvern Hills  
on Monday night - last & by a  
circuitous route came on the Hill  
from an unexpected direction  
early on Tuesday morn & attacked  
the rebels who were in small  
force, with our artillery &  
drove them from the place  
& <sup>took</sup> some prisoners.

We held the hill until last  
night when when we came  
back reaching camp this morn  
at day light,

I have nothing else of  
importance to relate. All else  
is quiet here,

I would be glad to hear how  
recruiting gets along in Chantawqua  
for the 89th Regiment - & who  
are getting up the companies.

Your Friend

George Tate

P.S.

Inclosed you will find one  
dollar (\$1.00) for which please  
send me Colton's best new  
Pocket-Map of the State of  
Virginia & the balance, if  
any, in stamps & oblige

Your Friend

Geo. Tate

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