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Mr. R. S. Adams
8 Corona Avenue
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Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for the donation of copies of the interesting letter written by Lieutenant Henry Hore and forwarded to us by Ira Lykes. It is indeed unusual to receive source materials on the Civil War from Australia.

Lieutenant Hore was apparently on the staff of Major General John Sedgwick, commander of the 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac. The actions he describes, of course, were phases of the Chancellorsville campaign in May 1863 when the 6th Corps was detached from the main army and fought first in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and then at nearby Salem Church on May 3rd and 4th. This fighting took place as Sedgwick attempted to link up with the main army which was being contained by Lee's Army of Northern Virginia at Chancellorsville a short distance to the west.

It is interesting that the letter bears the date of May 1, 1863, for the events reported in the letter must have begun on that date and extended for several days thereafter.

The enclosed photograph has been published in a number of books in the last century. It is well to know the identity of Lieutenant Hore who is a prominent figure in it. Sedgwick was an outstanding figure in the Civil War and your family can take great satisfaction in this association with him.

Again may we thank you for this fine material. We shall forward it on to Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County National Military Park which has custody of the scene of Lieutenant Hore's activities.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation