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Description: Simeon Malone of Portland wrote to Mr. Evans of the Sanitary Commission, acknowledging receipt of his letter about the death of Malone's brother.

City Point is it to where he was killed and how far you
was from him when he fell also if he spoke but this last question
I suppose you cannot answer also tell me what Battle he was
killed in you say it was about two miles from Danville
~~Long~~ but what the name of the battle was you did not tell
me but I am asking to much off you you have been so kind
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if you will you try and ascertain whether it will be possible
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beloved son please write as soon as you get this and you will
greatly oblige your humble servant Simeon Malone

PS
I will write again soon for I want to find out all the
particulars pertaining to his death and I hope you will give me all
the information you can do you know anyone else that belonged
to the same company that would be likely to know where he fell
if you do please tell them to write to me I will send anyone all
the labor they want and pay them well no more at present
yours truly Simeon Malone ^{direct on} Care of John Dennis of Portland
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