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Description: W.B. Adams from Coal Harbor, Va.

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Battery on us - and every little while a  
solid shot or shell goes over us - and we  
naturally draw our heads in so snug as  
we can - one just burst over head and  
killed a horse standing within a rod of me  
but they generally make more noise  
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to know if I wanted any little things that  
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let you know - it is on a Campaign  
so that we have to get along with as  
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