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Description: Last letter of Sargeant Walter Rounds to his cousin Abbie.

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Dearest Cousin

I take this Opportunity to Inform you that I am well and hope these lines may find you all the same. I have not heard from you for some time but do hope to by the next mail Everything is quiet along our lines this morning. no Indications of a forward move at present. the Enemy is said to be Evacuating Petersburg but I don't think it is Official we are having fine weather Indeed. Brig Gen. Geo. W. West is stoping at our Head Quarters at present. he took us out on Battalion Drill the other day we had a splendid drill I wish you could have seen it Cousin. the Troops are in fine Spirits they are looking Anciously forward to see the result of Gen Shermans next move. I trust it will be a Successful one. have you heard from Major C.V. Mattucks yet if so please Inform me where he is. my moustash is not yet Visable Cousin Cush has got me Beat for once.

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Photograph taken for I want to see if you  
look as pretty as Ever, when you see Adda  
Please give her my love also Grandmother,  
She is a gay and Phestive old Lady. Cousin I  
Cant stop to write any more this time for I  
must go on duty give my love to all and  
Please write often Good Bye

I Remain your Affet Cousin  
Sergt. Walter Rounds

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