



Fort Rice Va Nov 19 1863
Dear Little Cousin

I take this Oportunity to inform you that I am well and hope these lines may find you all the same. I Rec^d your Kind letter last Evening your Poetry was good just what I like five me some more in your next. you begin to talk like something now. when you say you haint going to wait to get a letter from me before you write Please don't for It haint Every day I can write you may not hear from me again for a long time for we are under marching Orders. But where we are going is more than I can say. But I think we will Attack the Enemy On the Extreme left of our line and try And get Possession of the South (***) Rail Road and Compell them to Evacuate Petersburg and leave us almost a clear Road to Richmond if we cand do that R,E, Lee is gone for a shure case.

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Description: Letter from Walter Rounds to his cousin Abbie about plans to attack and take posession of the railroa in Petersburg, VA.

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on a secret Expedition we will hear from him
soon. he has left a part of his army to
contend with Gen Hood and he has
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lines to day Except now and then you can
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or a Mortar shell coming rather to near
for Comfort. you say that Abbie told
Aunt that I was Home sick. you tell her
when Sergt Rounds cries Baby he will be
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or die in the Cause. I go in for a
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Grave. Cousin my hand trembles badly to day
so you will Excuse Poor writing I will
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Except much Love from one Cousin.
Excuse me for writing with a Pencil, give
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Remember me in their Prayers Please
write often for I love to get letters from
you. Good Bye my Little Dear

I Remain as Ever your Affectionate
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Serg^t Walter Rounds
To his Cousin Abbie, M. Rounds
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