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Description: Letter from John Parris Sheahan to his father about the Civil War and working picket near Belle Plain, Virginia.

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