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Near Petersburg
July 12th 1864

Dear Brother

I take this opportunity
to let you know that
i am well at present
and hope these few
lines may find you
the same i received
your letter of the seventh
this morning and was
glad to hear from you
once more we are
still here in front of
Petersburg we have mortars
planted all along the
line and i tell you they
make a great snapping
and cracking by times
the sun is awful hot
down here in the trenches
but i think hit must
be a plegid sight later

In Johnney's trenches
especialy when our marters
comences thraing shells
into their trenches their is
a power of men gets shot
by the rebs sharp shooters
thair has bin two men of
our regt wounded this
mornning you wanted to
know if i wanted any money
well a little wouldnt go
a mis tell pap wen he
gits them forty dolars
to send mee five i hant
much use for money here
i must bring this to a
close for i have to go on
detail no more

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