

Camp near Petersburg.
Sept 10th/64

Dear Cousin

I arrived here about eight o'clock this evening. found five of the old boys here. who were glad to see me. I assure you. Such a greeting as they gave me has done my heart good. The Regt is on Pickets, only the Sick are in Camp. I think of going out to the Picket lines tomorrow to see my Capt. and dispose of my bottle of brandy. I found several letters awaiting me. among them Cousin Josie. I stayed in New Brunswick the night I left Staten Island. and left there the next morning Arriving at Baltimore. I concluded to apply for transportation at the [?] Masters instead of going to the Provost Marshall. as I at first thought of doing. He gave me transportation without asking any Questions. I then went to the Provost Marshall . for a pass. received it. and left that same night (last night) Arrived at Ft Monroe this morning, and received another pass to City Point. for which place I started about ten o'clock this morning. and reached that "Point" by four o'clock this afternoon. and left there a little after six o'clock on the cars . which come within a mile and a half of camp. from there I was fortunate to get a ride in the ambulance that brings the mail. So you see I have been very fortunate in reaching my Regt, and have arrived sooner than I expected. I could see nothing of the Steamer Baltimore and I doubt whether she has left New York yet. I came through by Gilmore sooner than I could have made the trip any other way. I have not finished my letter to Helen yet. but will try to tomorrow. They are expecting a battle soon. So keep your "eye peeled" for the casualties. and don't forget to remember me in your prayers . for you know I am a little wild at times – Give my love to all – and believe me as ever your Affectionate Cousin Milton

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