

THE FAMOUS PETERSBURG MINE INCIDENT

Near Petersburg Va
July 31st 1864

Esteemed Friend
Henry

Once more was I pleased to
hear from you that you
were still bearing onward
triumphantly in your noble
mission.

As for your humble Servt.
He is still plodding along
with the fears, cares and
fatigues incident to the Soldier
on the field of strife. Blessed
with luck, health & strength &
great endurance activity and
action still prevails through
out the the whole Army

The Sun rose yesterday
morning in all its glory
to witness another of those
terrible days by which this war
is prosecuted, for some time
great preparations have been
made for a grand assault
upon Petersburg, a rebel
Fort had been undermined
a quantity of Powder placed
beneath it sufficient to raise
it heavenward & the artillery
had orders upon the blowing
up of this Rebel hold to be
ready to open at once vigor-
ously, about daylight came
the tremendous Report - and
the days work was begun, a
Regiment were in the fort
at the time of its destruction
& now lie far beneath the
face of the earth, only 12

escaping, all is quiet to
day after so grand & excited
a day in storming the
fortifications of the cockade
city of the old Dominion
but - with out result
in anything favorable to
us further than the destroy
of the fort, & many noble
fellows were stricken down
a sacrifice to the unholy
infatuation of evil men
who by their dark treason of
their souls have waiged this
war to gratify their wicked &
evil ambitions, I would that
it would cease, but - dark &
fearful times are ahead The
end is not yet -

I have just received
a letter from cousin Lib for
12 The first - truly she has been

as punctual as I was
But I spose I cannot in
reason chastise her much
but if I wait - as long as she
dig to answer I shoul wait untill
holidays, & this reminds me
of the gay times & weddings
you speak of in your letter
of the long long Holiday that
Gems "Heaven Grant We
may enjoy. I spose when a
fellow gets some he will stand
alone all his companions on
the high & exalted throne of
connubiality. Success attend them
many changes Jenny since we were
with Phil on his Campaign, say
Mrs Leroy - Thunder Square
Write soon as you can convey
accept assurances of Respect - &
Friendship Will H

School man } Battery B
Jenny } " my Artillery
fifth army Corps

P.S. I forgot to mention that I have
John White not long since, will it
Hearts