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Dear Dad,



The U. S. Christian Commission
sends this as the soldier's messenger to his home.
Let it hasten to those who wait for tidings.

"Behold! now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

In the works before this city is not a very convenient place for writing but it can be done after a fashion. I picked this sheet of paper in my den where my friend Peterson had left it. We had commenced to do it to his sister, but as he had myself often been the cause to with you with terrible servants were obliged to quit in a hurry. It is just twenty four hours since we entered these works. It is the first day we have been under a continuous fire from small arms. We have been wounded one in

Co. E. shot through both
legs and one in D shot
in the breast. They were
both on the outside of
the works when shot. There
is but little if any danger
if you keep in place but the
moment you step outside
you are in plain sight
and if shot happens to
be the order of the day
you will very soon hear
from them. The rebels offered
to quit sharp shooting to
day if our men would
and cease with them, but
our front line would not
consent so the firing goes
on. In front of the second
Brigade of our Div. there has
not been any shooting for
more than a week and we
can see the men on both

sides walking around where
ever it suits their pleasure
If one wants to exchange
papers or trade coffee for
tobacco he gets up on the
best works and swings
his paper over his head
It will be answered when
both parties will start
at once and meet between
the lines sit down and
each produces his stock
In our instance here I
beware of bad faith on either
sides. My quarters are under
ground it is just like a little
cellar. It is perfectly safe from
either shot or shell. It looper
is my room mate he is a first
rate fellow no discount on
him in any way. I intend
recommending him to some
nice young lady as he has

no lady correspondent
and is a beautiful writer.

I thought I would get a
letter from you yesterday
but was disappointed
as my order reported "Nothing
for you here". I feel sure you
have written, and that it
will come soon. I have
written to Pa, Mother & Annie
lately, so if they get them all
they will have enough for
once. Hiram Brown received
a letter from home today. Lou
and all our friends are well.
I will write you again. But
probably as soon as you will think it
necessary. You must not complain
if to or three come at once for I
cannot help it. I send you lots
of love and plenty of kisses

Your loving husband Steve

P.S. I have just sent for a cracker
box for a writing desk, and some paper
so you can look for a shower of letters
Steve