

AUGUST 6, 1864-8.30 a. m.

Honorable E. M. STANTON:

Secretary of War:

At 6.30 p. m., yesterday the enemy sprang a small mine in front of the Eighteenth Corps, near Petersburg, about forty yards in front of our works. They did not make an assault. A fresh artillery fire was opened along the whole of our line. The casualties small. I regret to say that Colonel Stedman, **Eleventh Connecticut**, is dangerously wounded. I beg leave to renew my application that he receive promotion by brevet for gallant and meritorious services. Our lines are intact, and all is quiet in front of Petersburg. The enemy opened upon us from the Howlett house battery. No loss.

BENJ. F. BUTLER.