

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT N. C. AND SO. VA., }  
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SOLDIERS! Your Commanding General takes great pleasure in expressing his satisfaction, at the cool valor, and disciplined bravery, displayed by you on the 30th Ju'y, in repelling the advance of the overwhelming forces of the Enemy, after his heavy columns had entered the breach, during the temporary surprise and confusion ensuing upon the explosion of one of the largest mines recorded in military annals:

By your skill and courage, you held the Enemy in check, until the arrival of Mahone's Brigades of gallant and scar-worn veterans, with whom you then united, and aided to drive the foe back into his own works, inflicting upon him one of the greatest disasters of the war—his losses being four times our own.

This glorious success conclusively proves, that the explosion of the Enemy's mines, no matter how formidable, under extensive works like those encircling Petersburg, will afford him no protection against disaster and rout, when opposed by a resolute and patriotic Army.

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*General.*