direct as before

How are you 500,000 you may think it is to bad but it is what I like to see let every one have a chance to see then they will know how shot and shell sounds

I have not had from Freedere in a long time he was in Washington drawing team the last I had from him

Headquarters 8th Regt Conn Vols

Near Petersburg Va Aug 12th

Dear Sister

The weather is very warm and dry here now a day and no signs of rain

I now take this opertunity to answer your kind and moste welcom letter that I received last night and was glad to hear that you wer well my health is good this summer

There is not much news here now but picke fireing and an artillery duel moste every day there was pretty sharp fireing for 2 hours this morning but has pretty much stoped now we are strengthing the works here now they are building a fort now of 16 guns

I suppose Hiram wrote you about the blowing up of the Rebs fort and getting repulsed if he did not you have seen it in the papers there was some missmanagement