Dear Sister Amanda,

A shell just burst a few rods from me in the air with a sharp piece report. They have come occasionally all day. None of our men have been hurt here yet, but it is a great wonder. Yesterday one burst (there's another in the same place) a rod or two to my left's immediately over our men. I have to be out here whenever our men are out. We are within easy range of their guns and it is an open field to where their fort is but we have a deep wide trench which has an embankment of dirt which their balls cannot pierce. I TELL. But as I finished writing here a piece of shell struck a man of the 11th 44th on the back of his head and knocked it off. If he had been where he should have been in the trench he would not have been hurt. He has a mortal wound.

No other man was hurt on our end of the line today. The shell's burst very near us and cut off the handle of a shovel on which a man was carving.