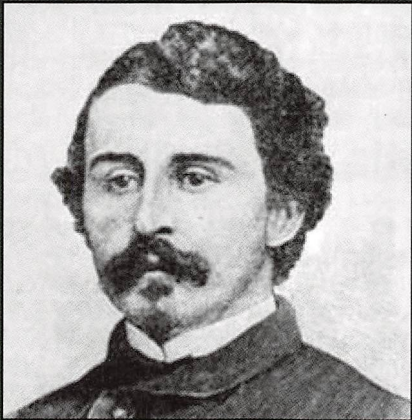




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Henry Pleasants is most known for concocting an unusual plan: to dig a mine shaft under the Confederate line outside Petersburg, VA, in order to blow up the fortifications on the other side with four tons of gunpowder. This came to be known as the “Battle of the Crater.” The plan failed, and eight months of fighting ensued, but for his ingenuity, Pleasants was promoted to Brevet Brigadier General.