

Port Woodbury July 18/62

My Dear Wife

I have been trying for several days past to assign some reason for your not writing and have come to the conclusion, that you are sick and unable to write, if such be the case. do get some one to write for you. I heard through a letter written by Allen Cowl that you had buried our Son. — It will be necessary for the Dr who attended him to send a certificate to the Surgeon of the Hospital to which he was consigned who will transmit it to the Regt. I have written to the Capt. of the Co. giving him directions —  
I am not well. I do not sleep well but well on my feet well and am all together as miserable as any one can be. but I am sure must try and



have stout hearts to bear this great  
affliction for the sake of the living or  
-deas and our children. Now I cannot  
write on this subject I want to see you  
very much I feel that it would be a  
great consolation to me if I could see  
you and mingle my tears with yours  
but how soon we will meet if ever it  
at present very uncertain I wrote to  
Bro H about getting in to Ryders N.Y.  
but I have not much hope of succeeding  
I think Gov Morgan would give me a  
discharge if a statement of my case was  
presented to him signed by a few of the  
leading political men of our County.  
I do not intend to do any thing dishonorable  
but I think I shall leave this N.Y. if  
by so doing I can get a better position.  
Jane suppose you and Louise should come  
out here and spend a few weeks. There  
is a very nice family living about 1/4  
of a mile from camp where you could  
board at a reasonable rate. Perhaps

it would in a measure relieve your  
mind and do you good  
That I should not hear from any of  
you during the past week is perfectly  
incomprehensible if you are sick  
I have a right to know it if not I can  
not imagine a reason for your silence  
Give my love to our dear children  
at home and believe that my heart  
is as wholly and truly yours as when  
my arms first held you as a wife

Yours Truly E. Perry

Fort Woodbury July 18/62  
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I am not well. I do not sleep well eat well or digest well and am all together as miserable as any one can be but Jane we must try and

have stout hearts to bear this great affliction for the sake of the living our selves and our children. Jane I cannot write on this subject. I want to see you very much. I feel that it would be a great consolation to me if I could see you and mingle my tears with yours but how soon we will meet if ever is at present very uncertain. I wrote to Br. H about getting in to Ryders Regt. but I have not much hope of succeeding. I think Gov. Morgan would give me a discharge if a statement of my case was presented to him signed by a few of the leading political men of our county. I do not intend to do anything dishonorable but I think I shall leave this Regt. if by so doing I can get a better position. Jane suppose you and Louise should come out here and spend a few weeks. There is a very nice family living about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from camp where you could board at a reasonable rate. Perhaps

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Yours Truly E. Penny