

Port Woodbury July 6/62

My Dear Wife

I received your letter of the 3^d on the 4th just 24 hours after it was mailed at Towns. I have felt very anxious about Alfred since I received it I fear he is much sicker than I had supposed him to be judging from your previous letters if he continues dangerous you must write me a line every day if he gets well he will owe his life to the Kind Providence which permitted him to escape the confinement and treatment of a Military hospital and get where all is being done for him that human hands can do. The reports from Richmond brought in by the sick and wounded (who are constantly arriving) are truly horrible. it is impossible for the mind to imagine any thing so terrible

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around Richmond, but in defiance of all dangers and disadvantages I received my shirt the day I wrote
despite the Superhuman efforts of the Parisian but not until I had closed my
desperate mad men the noble Army letter they are very nice and suit me
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ficers to have Command of the Camp to her for I think she had rather see
and the men for a Battalion drill her Pa than all the rest of the Army
and dress parade, we elected our staff Jan I have no news to write I am
and line Officers and went through the well and hope this will find you so
drill in good shape the men behaving and Alfred better than when you
well considering it was 4th of July and wrote
Lager bar plenty I was in the Field
as Lieut Col. when an aid came

Yours Devotly E Penny

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but what its reality can be found in the swamps and on the hills around Richmond but in defiance of all dangers and disadvantages and despite the superhuman efforts of desperate madmen the noble army of the Potomac is gallantly sustaining itself and ?? which will never fade as long as freedom is loved and cherished by the human race. We celebrated the 4th here in military style the officers of the Regt raised \$200 for firework & refreshments and permitted the non commissioned officers to have command of the camp and the men for a battalion and dress parade. we elected our staff and line officers and went through the drill in good shape the men behaving well considering it was 4th of July and Laubur plenty. I was in the field a Leut. Col. when an aid of camp rode up and delivered me your letter

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