

Port Woodbury July 27/62

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Col. James B Swain. will you please
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how to write I have had a line from her
in a long time I have not heard from
Archie since I wrote you last. —
Father is sounding and I must not set
a bad example to my Dear Wife good
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E. Perry

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