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Fort Woodbury July 28/62 My Dear Wife

I received your letter and one from Br. Hiram yesterday. I feel very thankful that you are as well as you are and bear up so bravely under your great affli ction. You speak of Alfred's conversa tion and gentlemanly manner it was the subject of remark among officers and men after his short visit at Snyder. Jane you know I am no believer in signs or presentments but when I stood at Snyder and watched his receding form until it was lost in the distance I had different feelings than I ever experienced in my life. Although I confidently expected to see him again in a few days I was oppressed by a melancholy feeling

by a sense of loneliness as if something dear had left me never to return. I remember I sat up all night and employed the hours of midnight in writing to Eugene. I think much of that visit. I think I feel thankful for it to the Great Giver of all things. I confess that at first smarting under this severe blow I felt disposed to murmur against the hand that inflicted it and say why not have taken me a mere wreck floating uselessly along the stream of time and spared his young, promising life. but calm re flection shows me the folly and wicked ness of such feeling and that it become us to bow in humble submission to the will of Providence and believe that "whatever is is right." You ask my advice respecting grave stones. My request is

that there be nothing done about this at present. If live I will see that a suitable block properly inscribed is pla ced over the remains of the brave young soldier who fearlessly exposed his life on these battlefields and never faltered in the performance of his duty until deadly disease forced him from the ranks to fill an early grave. I wish to be un derstood. For in this matter, I must be indu lged. You must pardon me if I have heretofore expressed any dissatisfaction in regard to the course pursued by you. I have not intended to do so for I would not will ingly add to your present afflictions but rather do all in my power to mitigate this. Tell Louise I thank her for the rose she sent me and in return I send her my love and a good kiss. I was quite sick Sunday, but am quite well

an am acting Sergeant of the guard. We have been practicing target firing to day with shot & shell. We make some very good shots. The weather is awful hot here. Yet we have not had a night but what we needed a blanket over us at three in the mo rning. Hiram wrote me a very nice kind letter. I was sorry to trouble him for I knew he was full of business but I knew of no one who could do as much towards helping me to a leave of absence as he can. Annie owes me a letter. I wonder what is the matter? Is Lydia's curls grown out yet? I want to see that photograph she promised to send me. Jane accept my best wishes by sincerest love and believe me to be ever your devoted husband.

E. Penny