

Headquarters 92nd
July 24, 1862

Dear Mother,

Your letter bearing the date July 19th with a bottle of Palmers Balsam has just come to hand all safe and sound and also 2 post stamps. I am very thankful to hear that you are well all of you and thankful that I can say that my health is surely gaining. My diarrhea is getting wound up and I gain strength daily. You ask me to come home on furlough; this is impossible as no furloughs are granted now to anyone. None can get away unless they are discharged.

I have written a letter to Lib and you have probably received it before this but for fear you may not have received my last letters, I will repeat here that we have drawn our 6 month pay and that Albert Stevens and myself sent by Express to the express office at Gouverneur to Elisha Whipple \$130 (We sent our money July 19th.) I, sending eighty and Albert fifty dollars. Get it as soon as you can. And use it as you please. You tell me to keep up good courage. I do and furthermore I know in whom I trust that he is able to see all that call upon his name. His hand hath ever guided us and I feel that He hath not left me now and I feel to put my whole trust in Him.

For about a week we have had very nice cool weather cooler I guess than you are having at home and it has helped us all greatly. In this warm climate it seems almost a Special Providence to have it so cool at this time of year. (I received your answer to my letter of the 6th) Write often and enclose a stamp or two every time. I will try and be as prompt as you are. That we may all meet at home once more is the sincere prayer of your affectionate Son.

John

Harrison's Landing, VA