Elmira NY Dec. 25th 1864

Dear Mother,

The 92^{nd} Reg. Leave this place for Albany to be mustered out tomorrow or the next day. Unfortunately I shall not go with them for I have not been well for a few days past, Now I pray you don't get crazy over this information and I will try and tell you what is the matter. I am bilious the Dr. says, and yesterday I had an ague shake which certainly shook me in style. The Dr. thinks I had better wait a few days and I think so too.

Now do use a little reason and don't worry yourself to death over the matter for I can telegraph to you in an hour of necessary if I get better or worse.

Yours as ever,

John