

Headquarters, 92nd Regt. NYSV
Chickahominy, VA
July 17, 1862

Dear Friends,

Before this reaches you, you will no doubt have learned of the death of Lieut. Fox. His body has been sent home for internment and we are now without a single commissioned officer in our Co. I am still in the hospital but through kind prudence of God I hope to get out of here before long. My diarrhea is slowly abating and if I am very careful of myself by God's blessing I may yet come out all right.

The weather is very warm here indeed, hotter than you can imagine and is very trying to the sick. Today the Regt was paid off, I received \$102 and shall in a day or so send home 80 or 90 dollars of it. Albert Stevens will send with me some 50 or 60 dollars. We propose sending it by Adams Express company to East De Kalb Station and we want you to be on the look out for it. I can't get Daniel's pay [John's brother Daniel who had died in the spring.]. His death has got to be proved & his father is the one to draw his pay as his property falls to the father. You had better see Townsley [E. P. Townsley lawyer at De Kalb] about it.

The mail is going out immediately and I must stop.

Yours as ever, John

Write enclosing stamp.

[Medicine recipe on back of letter.]

Polie chalk 2 oz
Loose sugar 2 oz
Tinet Opium 2 HO drops
Gum Arabic 1 oz
Gun Rino half an ounce

Disolve the Rhino and gum Arabic in a teacup full of warm water. Then add the sugar, chalk and opium. Shake well. Drop half tablespoonful once in two hours until relieved. A larger dose used if necessary.

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