Dear Father and Brother,

Yours of the 2nd inst. came to hand last night and now how surprised you will be when you read this letter. Since writing you our company has been detached from the regt. and attached to the pontoon battalion and we are on the road to the pleasant and beautiful town of Arkansas. We have had a fortune of them in coming to this place. Many of our boys are already sick, and our first lieutenant and several of the boys forced to be left at this place in hospital. And being out of luck myself among the rest, but that I am sick.

Out of all we have been exposed to the small pox and have to stay in quarters and till we are got over it or find that we are not going to have it. I have no idea that we will have it at all or if not so light as not to hurt us, it has only seen of the varioloids that we were exposed to, and as we have all been vaccinated it has made the danger can not be great. But in case I should get a bad dose or if it went my place of work with a hundred dollars worth of employ, I am glad and comforted in his thought.