

Camp Lyons Va Sept 4th 1862

Dear Family

A quibble to promise
I write you a few lines again -
I have had a very bad cold it seems
to have settled in my head & makes me
feel very bad. There is a good many
in our Regt. that are sick and small
Yesterday the Brigade of troops to which
Mr Lewis, Son Lee & Whelock Thayer
belonged passed here they have encamped
near by Mr ^{Barrett} Karned that his Son was
killed the day we left Detroit - Whelock
Thayer is well - O friends you dont
know how terrible bad these old soldiers
look. The cause of our Country looks dark
here - General McDowell has proved a
traitor & has caused us much loss and
suffering - it is said he is under arrest
The soldiers would like to butcher him