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Burkettsville, Hospital E, Sunday

My Dear Mother

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity of informing you how I am getting along of late I have turned from Hospital attendant to Patient, for three weeks I have been running down slowly with the Diarrœ when last wednesday I was relieved from Hospital duty and thursday I came down in the afternoon I was borne from H to E on a stretcher on account of my not being able to walk the Doctor says I was going to have the fever but I have not had much fever my bowels are a great deal better now but I am so weak that I can hardly hold the pen



but I am getting better  
now and soon expect to  
be well the onely time  
I have felt real bad  
eyense I left home was when  
I heard that Jonathan had enlisted  
I think he might better stayd  
at home... Almira sayd in  
her letter to Ellen that you  
was sorry that you signed the  
papers but now einse he has  
gone above all things dont  
worry about any of us I  
hope you can get along good  
this coming winter Almira  
says you have not sold my  
harness and that you say you  
will not sell it I hope  
the time is not far distant  
when I may have the pleasure  
of useing it above all things  
dont hire it to any one  
you must be getting ~~it~~



pretty well out of debt if  
you have sold all the stock.

I would really like to know  
how things are turning with  
you write or get some  
one to write and let  
me know who is on the  
place and how the crops  
turned out I hope Jonathan  
will have good health when  
a soldier gets sick in camp  
or on a march he is in a  
rather tough place older  
has wrote a good long letter to  
Adina it contains all the news  
I am getting tired and will  
close write soon direct  
to Burkettville Frederick Co  
Maryland yours truly from  
your ever faithful son

John M. Lopez