

Eddyville Aug 4th 1864

Henry Van Bernal M.D.

My Dear Sir,

I received today a letter from Lucius(?) Ball's chum informing me that Lucius is sick in the hospital near Atlanta. I can assure you that I feel grateful to you for the many former kindnesses to my son and feel as if to ask ~~xxxxxx~~ other favors of you would be too much yet if you can appreciate a Mother's affection for a son far away from home, deprived of the care and treatment necessary for one that is sick you will overlook it in me. I wish if it is consistent that you would aid Lucius in procuring a furlough or his discharge and let him come home at least long enough to regain his health.

I feel as if no one can care for him as well as myself. From what his friend wrote I think if he is obliged to remain in that southern climate his stay on earth will be short. If you can do anything for him you will confer a favor for which I shall be forever grateful.

Yours with respect,

Mrs Daniel Ball