

Camp 9th June bar  
Near Galatin Tenn  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 64

Mr. John Chapman

Dear sir,

I take my pen in hand to inform  
you of the death of your son  
Mr H. Chapman he departed this life  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst, his disease was  
Chronic Diarrhica we had him out  
in the country some 2 miles from  
camp for several days W B Smith  
staid with him all the time &  
after he got so he could not help  
himself William Harless also staid  
with him. We Buried him  
in the town Burying ground,  
he was as decently put away as the  
nature of the case would admit of.  
There is a loss to you and to us his  
comrades, but we hope our loss is  
his gain he has paid the debt we  
all have to pay sooner or later  
and perhaps like him away from  
Father & kind sisters

Capt Hollingsworth has wrote  
to you concerning him and has  
sent his letter by way of Knoxville I  
will send this by Williamsburg Ky  
So. perhaps one or the other will be  
sure to reach you safe his Effects  
will be sent to Knoxville by express they  
will be there before this reaches you  
you can get them by applying at the  
express office his money will be handed  
to you when we see you or sent by  
some safe hand. I remain your  
friend &c,

B F Bratcher  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. Co. 9  
9<sup>th</sup> Inf. Regt.



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