Mr Jones

I am sorry to inform you that your son Lewis is ded. he dide this morning about one oclock. the gangreen sot in his his wound and that caused his death when I wrote to you the other day I thot he would be abel to go home in a few days, but I was sadly disapointed he has a few things left sutch as are Named in the acompaning receats. I want you to Sign boath of them and send them boath back you must Sign them on the line above whare it (ses Father of deceased) you can send them to me and then I will Express his remains to eney place that you wish I will have his grave marked and when I write again I will give you the nomber he will be Berred in the Berrying ground near this Hospital

I have taken off a lock of his hair and I will send it to you for I know that friends often desire sutch.

for further information pleas write and if I can give you eney I shall be happy to do so

I think there is five month pay due his \$65.00

Respectfully yours Sergt. J. M. Irvin

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Sergt John M. Irvin Gen Hospital No. 1 Ward 15 2ond Div Nashville Tenn in care of Gen. Wardmaster

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