

Chief White Thunder,  
Rosebud Agency,  
Dakota.

December 6 80.

My dear friends:

Your son continues to improve. He is willing now to take food but not medicine. I have fears that he may not get well, though the doctor says if he will continue to take food as he is wanted to the chances are good for him.

There is nothing in his disease to cause his death, but he has been so obstinate from the start about medicine no good that his condition is brought on by himself.

His throat is sore but it does not appear to be diphtheria, only an ordinary sore throat. We have no other cases here.

Truly your friends.

Wm. H. ...  
at Dr. O'Gary's charge.

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Chief White Thunder,  
Rosebud Agency,  
Dakota.

My dear Friends:

Your son seems a little better this morning. He is now willing to eat, and the Doctor hopes he will get well. We give him whatever he says he wants, and try in every way to do all we can for him.

He will not yet take any medicine, but if he will take food enough to keep him from losing all his strength, we think he will get well.

Very truly your friends  
R. H. Pratt  
1st Lt. 10th Cav. In charge.

I enclose you a letter from one of the boys.



Chief White Thunder,

Reserved Agency, Dakota.

My dear friends,

Your son continues about  
the same. Although he does not seem really bet-  
ter he is not worse. Today he is more willing  
to take both food & medicine. We keep on do-  
ing all we can for him, & as to the hospital  
visitors expect to see to him taking food &  
medicine. The teachers give him good things  
& everybody is good to him, except himself.

Very truly your friend

Wm. A. Evans, M.D.





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Chief White Thunder

Poubud Agency, Dakota.

My dear friend:

Your son is about the same  
 as when I was yesterday. He has been more  
 willing to eat today, has drunk several cups  
 of tea and eaten some beef. He has taken his  
 medicine ~~as usual~~ now I hope before long if  
 he keeps on taking good medicine that I  
 can write to tell you that he is a great deal  
 better. We will give him the most  
 strengthening food and the best care that  
 we can.

Very truly your friend

R. H. Pratt

At Lt. 10<sup>th</sup> Bary, in charge.



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Chief White Thunder,

Reebed Agency, Dakota.

My dear Friends,

Ernest seems in an im-  
proved condition today, his throat is much bet-  
ter. He continues to take good <sup>of</sup> medicine,  
so that the Doctor gives a favorable account of  
him. I am very glad to tell you this.

Very truly your friends

R. H. R. H.

Let Lt. 10<sup>th</sup> Savy. in Charge.



December 13 80.

Chief White Thunder,  
 Rosebud Agency,  
 Dakota.

My dear Friend,

Your son did not sleep well last night and as this morning he does not seem quite so well as he did yesterday. He says he does not feel sick and I hope when I write to you tomorrow I can tell you that he has slept better and got well. Yesterday he ate breakfast and pudding for his dinner and drank tea made of sugar as to how all the strength of the meat and it. He has got to liking one kind of medicine that he takes so that he is glad when they bring it to him and laughs. Somebody stays by him all the time day and night so as to wait on him and give him anything he wants to eat or drink. American Horse's son Robert is a good friend to Ernest. He stays with him and feeds him and gets him to do what the Doctor says.



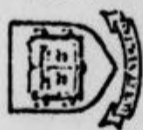
I tell you this because I know you want  
to know how your son is taken care of.

We do just as my would if you were  
here yourself.

Very truly your friend

Rt. Hon. S.

per Lt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav. In charge.



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