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Dear Mother

It has been a long time since I have written to you, but it has not been my fault. I think I can safely lay it all to Gen Dick Taylor for he has kept us on the move all the time, but he has left us now for a short time & I hope he will let us alone for the weather is getting verry warm & it is not verry pleasant to be moveing around so much. I have always thought that I would like to go to Texas & the prospect was verry fair the other day for getting there, as they had us completely surrounded & we could not move for nearly one whole day & they were shelling us right smart all the time. We are all right now & I think we shall go back down to Franklin in a short time. Col Per Lee has just got back to the regt this morning. He has been gone three months over his time. Foote is on Gen Banks staff & I guess he dont have as much to do as he did before. I dont know of anything more to write about now. Will try & find more next time. Please remember me to all the people

Your Affectionate Son

C.J. Hardaway