

Near Iberia La December 20th 1863

Dear Mother

Perhaps you will think that I have given up writing entirely for it has been a fortnight since I wrote you last. I have tried half a dozen times to write but could not make it out, & besides that I have been verry bussy all the time.

We had just got our Camp all fixed up nice when we got orders to moove our camp about a mile. So everything had to come up & we have not got settled yet. I do not think we shall stay here much longer but will move back towards N Orleans. Col Per Lee has gone home on leave of absence. Also a party of ten men have gone from the regt on recruiting service but I dont think that they will be verry successful for I believe that the people up there have made up their minds not go untill they know that they are obliged to. I cant write any more there is no use in trying. As soon as I get regulated, I will write a good long letter

Your Affectionate Son

C.J. Hardaway