

Near Fredericksburg Dec 28/62

Dear Mother

To day being Sunday I have been thinking that it would do no harm to let you know that you have got a boy down here at work for Uncle Sam. I have been here a year and have got two years more to stay and I have not had but one letter from you this month that was dated the Seventh. I hope you have not forgotten to write entirely. Col Berdan has got back to the rgt again and we have had inspections and drills every day for the last week and another inspection this morning so you see they keep us bussy all the time. We had Christmas dinner here Thursday but it was rather dull. Some of the regiments got evergreen and trimmed up the camps so they looked quite pretty but thats all there was to it. I did not hang up my stocking and so of course I did not get anything in it. We have had beautiful weather for the last two weeks with the exception of one or two days it has been nearly as warm as it is in May up North. I presume we shall get enough rain by and by to make up for it all. I sent you twenty five dollars by mail last Monday. I hope you have got it all right by this time. My head aches to hard for me to write to day so I will wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and not write any more to day.

Your Aff Son
C J Hardaway