

Camp Sheridan Va Feby 26th 1865

Dear Mother

I received your letter last night and was glad to get it. Foote has not started for home yet & I rather think he will not go at all for there is an order out saying that no more leave of Absence shall be granted. I think that there is to be a move made here very Shortly but I think it will be done by the Cavalry. There was a good sized train of pontoon boats & fixtures came up the other day & of course that indicates a move of some kind. I hope it will not be us for the ground is very soft just now. It has been raining all the time for the past two days & nights. I am very sorry that I did not wait untill Sunday & go to Utica with Gust but I guess it is just as well for I got back "on time" & I am the only man in the regiment that can boast of that. They have all been behind from two to five days. The letter that I got last night did not have any stamp on it. I conclude that you must be "hard up." I will leave half of this sheet so that you can write back. I send ½ doz photographs as per agreement. Send one to Aunt Eliza & one to Uncle Moore. We expect to get two months pay very soon & then I will send pay for the butter & also the borrowed money. Our Chaplain has taken quite a fancy to me & thinks that he can make something out of me yet, but I tell him that I think he is mistaken. He gave me a lot of tracts yesterday & I have been reading them to day but I don't think that I am much better than I was this morning.

Please remember me to Mrs. Maynard and also Miss Georgia. I am sorry that I did not see her when I was home.

Your Affectionate Son
CJ Hardaway