

New Orleans La January 18th 1864

Dear Mother

It is a long time since I have written to you but I am not to blame for we have been moveing & just as we got into Camp I had to go out with the train after forage for two days in succession in the rain. I got a bad cold & was laid up untill last Saturday when I started for New Orleans. I think I have made enough excuses for this time. I will make the rest the next time I write. I am down to the City on business for the regiment but don't want to stay long for it costs about four dollars per day to live. As I am feeling now I can not get enough for a meal short of \$1-- & it costs \$1-per day for a room of any kind.

I had some photographs taken this afternoon & will send them to you as soon as they are finished. I will not write any more now but will write again before I leave town

Your Affectionate Son
CJ Hardaway

I got paid to day & shall send \$100-to Father by Adamas Express to Utica N.Y.