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Dear Mother

The box has come & has been opened & everything is just right exactly. The butter is nice the pies are nice & the cake is "bully." The box came up about a week ago & by mistake was put into the Depot Qr Masters office & covered up with a lot of other boxes so that noboddy knew anything about it. I will send you the pay for the butter as soon as the paymaster appears to us. Footes boots are not large enough so that he can wear four pairs of stockings with them & he thinks that they are to small. Gaskill did not make such boots as I ordered but they will do very well for I have been almost barefooted for the last two weeks. I have been thinking some of making an application for a fifteen days leave of absence to visit home but I have not decided yet what to do about it. Tell Pelig & Summers that the cider was very nice & I wish they had sent more of it. I have not recd the photograph of Mrs A.J.B. yet but am looking for it every day. Cant write any more now will do better next time

Your Affectionate Son CJ Hardaway

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