

Near Fredericksburg Jany 7th 1863

Dear Mother

I got your letter last night telling about the box and good things in it. The letter came through quicker than any other that I have had. I hope the box will do the same. I was talking with the quarter master last night and he says that we shall get all of our boxes in pretty good season. The Express Company have got things arranged so that they can forward goods from Washington two or three times a week. So if we dont take Fredericksburg again I guess we shall get the boxes in good season. I see by the papers that they are haveing liveley times in the Southwest and I guess before they get through with our fellows down there they will lick them out as usual. You speak in one of your letters of George Beardslee getting a months pay and skidaddling. I did not know before that he had been out of the Service. The last I heard from him he was a bugler in a battery but never heard of his being discharged. Genl Butterfield is in command of the Division again and he is giveing us fits on drill. We have to drill nearly all the time. He is a good Genl but I think he likes to keep the men a little too bussy. Our regiment is getting a new uniform throughout green coats green pants and green caps. When we all get them on I guess we will be a pretty green lot of fellows. It is rather dull bussiness for me to write today for there is nothing to write about so I guess I will quit and make it up next time.

Your Aff Son CJ Hardaway

I wish you would send me a few stamps. I can not get them here and I dont like to send letters without them.