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Dear Mother

You will see by the date of this that I have changed my base of operations for a Short time. I have been here two days now, but it has been so hot that I can not bear to stir out in the street to do what little I have got to do, but as I have got to go back home Tuesday I shall have to pitch in tomorrow if it melts me. Foote is here in the office & has just got a letter from his Mary Cornelia. She seems to want him to come home. I think if she should see him now she would think a heap more of him than she ever did before for he is all covered over with gold lace & he looks "right smart." Times are pretty dull here now & it is about as lonesome here as it is in camp. Cornelia writes that your health is not any better. I really wish you would stop working & get rested. I think you have done enough so that you are entitled to a pension.

I suppose you are just haveing your strawberries & cream now, but they are all gone here & have been for a long time. There is plenty of tomatoes green corn & peas & every thing of that kind. Foote is going to be relieved in his present position & will probably be on Genl Canbys Staff which will be much better & easier for him. Well I cant think of any thing more that would interest you only that I am going to Church this afternoon. I forgot to tell you that I saw Geo Beardslee Alias Geo Hall last night he is in a Massachusetts battery. He is looking verry well & expects a commission in a nigger regiment. So he says. Please remember me to all the people & tell that boy Harrington that he owes me a letter & I want it

Your Affectionate Son
CJ Hardaway