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Dear Mother

I received your letter & little lecture on Thursday. I was very glad I got it for I had felt the need of one for a long time. I think it has done me good for I feel a great deal better than I did before. I suppose that you have heard that there is to be a grand review in the City on Tuesday & Wednesday. I really wish that you could be here to see it for it will be a grand Sight. There will probably be more troops together here than there ever will be again in this Country. We shall probably be mustered out of the service in course of a month. I have not seen Foote since last Sunday. Guess he is all right. I shall go over & see him this afternoon. Col Per Lee & his wife got back from Utica yesterday. I think she must like Soldiering pretty well. We are having plenty of ladies society now. Two or three of the officers have got their wives down here & there are two very pleasant families close by camp so that we get an invitation out nearly Every Evening. Strawberries & Cherries are getting very plenty & quite cheap. I would like to send you a nice basket of them but I could not without their being spoiled. I suppose when I began to write that I was going to make out a good long letter but my ideas have all vanished & I can not make out more than half a letter this time. I am very glad to hear that Libbie is getting along so well. Tell Summers that I would like to hear from him. I will answer all the letters that he will write. Have you heard anything from Peleg yet. Please let me know how he is getting along. Please remember me to all the family

Your Affectionate Son  
CJ Hardaway