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Dear Mother

I guess you will think that I have got through writing letters, for I know pretty well that you have not had any from me for the last two months. The last three mails that were sent from Alexandria were captured by the rebs. When we came down the river I found one of the Envelopes that I sent you on the bank of the river. But I guess we are all right now. We are in camp about 40 miles above Port Hudson on the west side of the river & our corps the 19th is to be used in keeping the river open. We are ordered to be ready at any time to move either up or down the river on transports. I am afraid that it will not be as pleasant as it is moving on land. Since we started from Franklin last spring we have marched 680 miles had some fighting got whipped & lived on short rations for the last three weeks. I think that is a correct history of the Campaign in a verry few words. I saw George Foote the other day on the battle field attending to the Wounded. He is an agent of the Sanitary Campaign & is with the 13th Army Corps. I think it is a good faithful worker & its a pitty there is not more as good as he is.

Foote is going to New Orleans & I probably shall not see much more of him, as we are to get our Supplies from Vicksburg after this. I think that he will be home in the course of a month or so if possible. I guess I won't write any more now. I will wait until we get to be Marines & then I will give you my Experience. Please remember me to all the people

Your Affectionate Son
CJ Hardaway

Direct your letters the same as usual