

Morgansia La May 29th 1864

Dear Mother

I received your letter of the 9th the other day & it was the first one I have had in more than a month. But I think that we are so Situated now that we can get our mail more regular. We have been hauling brush for the last week & have got the whole camp all covered over so that it is quite pleasant & cool. It is hot enough out of the shade to melt a person if he happens to be pretty fat like myself, but I take pretty good care to keep in the shade the most of the time. We get papers here every day from N. Orleans & Memphis & of course hear of great battles in Va but it will not do to believe in any thing yet awhile. I hope you will let me know as soon as you find out how my old Company fared during the great battles up there. I still have more interest in them than I do in any thing here. There is nothing here now that I can write about so I shall have to close up & wait for something to turn up. I am afraid that it will be sometime before I shall be able to send any more money home & if I do send any I do not wish to have it invested in Pissmire hill land. It may be good for them that like it but I must say that I do not think much of it & never did. Please remember me to all the good people at home. If you have got one of my photographs left I would like to have you sent me one in the next letter

Your Affectionate Son
CJ Hardaway