

Sharpsburg Oct 18th 1862

Dear Mother

We have at last got a mail here by waiting two weeks. I got your letter dated the 9th. You ask if I ever got a letter from William Angells people. I never did. The clothing that was sent to him was given out in the company so that nothing was wasted. A great many of the boys were badly in need of clothing at that time. I am sorry that you sent my shirts now for I am not really in need of them at present but it is all right I guess I can get along with them. You ask what I think about selling the lots in Utica. I think it is well enough to sell them but I think that Burrows is making more money out of the operation than anyboddy else. I may be wrong in saying so but I have not much confidence in mankind. I think everyboddy needs a little watching even if you are pretty sure they are honest. There was quite a force crossed the river day before yesterday on a reconnoissance. They went out about ten miles and drove the rebels as they went, but when came up with the main boddy, they found out that the enemy had got in their rear so all they had to do was to throw out skirmishers and skirmish back to the river. They came back last night about midnight feelling rather queer. I think they are alltogether to smart for us in everything. I have not heard from Harrington yet do not know what to think of it. We are in a very healthy place now and all the boys are feeling first rate and are getting as fat as pigs. There has been four discharged from our company within two weeks so all that we have got left now are pretty sound. Have not had any pay yet and cant tell when we shall get it. I hope pretty soon though. There is nearly four months due us now. Can't think of any thing more to write about now

Your Aff Son

CJ Hardaway