

Winchester Va Oct 23rd 1864

Dear Mother

I did not write to you last Sunday for the reason that I was at Martinsburg with a train of 100 Wagons which I had to load & be ready to start at 4 A.M. Monday morning & all the time since then I have been on the road with trains running up supplies to the army. I suppose you have heard before this that we had a heavy battle here on the 19th in which our loss was very heavy. The loss in our regt is 104 killed & wounded & nine prisoners. Ike Burch was killed & Thurber is mortally wounded in the right thigh with a piece of shell passing through & shattering the bone badly. I wish you would tell Mrs. Burch that her son died without a struggle, but seemed to be very much grieved that he had not followed her instructions more strictly in regard to religion. Our army in the morning was surprised & completely routed & lost some prisoners & 24 pieces of artillery but in the afternoon they took back a great many of the prisoners & 1500 rebs besides also 54 pieces of artillery & a great quantity of other plunder besides. About 2 weeks ago I sent you one hundred dollars by mail & have not heard from it yet. Please let me know as soon as you can whether you have rec it or not. I have just made out my vote & sent it to Gust by this mail. Can't write any more now for I have got to write for some of our boys that are wounded.

Your Affectionate Son

C J Hardaway