

Winchester Va Sept 22nd 1864

Dear Mother

I recd your letter & the Stick to take the flogging with last night, but it did not hurt me much. Well we have at last had a battle here & a pretty heavy one too. Especially for our regt. The loss in the regt is about two hundred killed & wounded. Only one officer Killed but nearly all the rest are wounded. Charly Brown was very Slightly wounded. He is on duty. The bullet just grazed the top of his Skull taking off some of the hair. The Colonel is badly hurt in two place shot in the throat with a bullet & hit in the side with a piece of shell. Charles Mattesons Son is shot in the neck but not badly hurt. Demings Son is wounded in the leg, but feels good. I have seen so many from the regt to day that I can hardly tell who is hurt. The troops are about 25 miles beyond here & are fighting to day very hard I hear. In the fight of Monday we got about 4000 prisoners & last night they brought in about 1500 more & Eight battle flags. This is the first time that the rebs have ever been whipped in this vally, & they got a good one this time. Winchester is full of their wounded. Cant write any more now more next time

Your Affectionate Son

CJ Hardaway