

Winchester Va September 30th 1864

Dear Mother

I have just got back from a long & hard tramp to the front which was 70 miles when I was there & it is more now & is a good ways for an army to be from its base of supplies in an Enemies Country. I started from here last Sunday Morning with a train of Eighty Wagons & have just got back to night safe & sound which is more than I expected to do when I started for the country is full of "Gorillas." I am detached from the regt now for the purpose of running trains between here & the troops & you need not think it strange if you hear from me in Richmond one of these days, but I guess you wont tho. I got a letter from you to day that was mailed June 12th. It had been to N Orleans & some where else. Cant tell where. Our regt is short just 192 men in the battles here & they have been highly Complimented for their gallantry in battle. I will send you a copy of the order as soon as I can get it. I hear from outsiders that Footes is home. Is that so. I have just recd a communication from him dated Aug. 5th. If he is there I would like to hear from him. I am to tired to write much now to night will write more Sunday

Your Affectionate Son

CJ Hardaway