

Helena Arkansas

Nov the 23 1862

Dear Wife

I Set down to answer your letter
of Nov the 11 which I received
this morning it found me well
and in good spirits as you
was in hopes that it would
times still remain about
as usual there is a good many
new Reg getting here there is
Several new Iowa Reg come
here lately some very nice
Reg Ousterhouses Division has got
back here or the most of them
We are getting a pretty large Army
here a gain Steels Division
will Soon be here Who will
take Com of the whole thing
than I cant say but I dont
think that we will get an
other man as good as general
Curtis I must tell you a little
Something about our expedition

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down the river we was gone just
one week we started with
the calculation of going up [~~“up”~~ crossed out]
White river ut the water was
so low that we could not
run over the Car which is
about 2 miles above the mo[not legible]
th so we laid around thare a day
or two and started back to camp
what then affect was for going
up thare I cant say Some says
that the Sesece is building a fort
thare and we was agoing up thare
to take it and prehaps that is
the case we had a prety tough
time while we was gone it was
crowed so we got Presimmons
plenty when we landed and
Sesece Beef and pork and such
like But I was glad for one
when we got back to our Camp
our shanty is more Comfterble
than on old Boat, the recruits
have finely got along

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they got here last wednesday
I believe they are all well except
Jack Cason he is a little
under the weather but he
will be all right in a ["day" is crossed out]
few days I got that letter
you Sent by him and also
the purse I got them last night
I expect that the Purce means
for me to be saving of my
money well I will Save all
I can and put in it it come
just in the right time for
Some darnd cuss stole mine while
we was on the Boat but they did
not get much for thare was
only 25 cts in money and 50cts
worth of postage stamps in it
so it wont do them much good
I got a letter from Esther
about a week ago and she
was in an afful way for that
5 Dollars that I promised to send
he So if you got the 5 that I sent

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you and have not sent it yet hurry
and send it to her I am afraid
that esther is not a very good
girl but maby she is she says
that she is beter than she used to
be, how much do you have to
pay on money that you get by
Express or dond you have to pay
anything, we have not got our pay
yet but I think that we will
get in a few days we had
enough to of had it two weeks
ago, I am glad that you are
learning to weave [~~“and”~~ is crossed out] when I get
home I will buy some sheep and
I am in hopes that I will be
in a short time but it
may be two years yet but
I must stop for this time
write as often as you can
and write all the H news
So good bye for this time
From geo B Davis To
his wife Catharine Davis