

Helena Arkansas

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Dear wife

I set down to answer your letter
of Nov the 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- Crockerhouses 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 care of the whole thing
then I cant say but I dont
think that we will get an
other man as good as general
Cortez I must tell you a little
something about our expedition

down the river we was gone just
one week we started with
the calculation of going up the
white river but the water was
so low that we could not
run over the bar which is
about a miles above the mouth
th So we laid around there a day
or two and started back to camp
what then effect was for going
up there I cant say ~~there~~ ^{Says}
that the Seec is building a fort
there and we was going up there
to take it and perhaps that is
the case we had a pretty tough
time while we was gone it was
crowed so we got Presimmons
plenty when we landed and
Seec Beef and Pork and Such
like But I was glad for one
when we got back to our camp
our shanty is more comfortable
than our old Boat The recruits
here finely got along.

They got here last Wednesday
I believe they are all well except
Jack Cerson he is a little
under the weather but he
will be all right in a day
here days I got that letter
you sent by him and also
the purse I got them last night
I expect that the Purse 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 there was
only 25 cts in money and 50 cts
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
her so if you got the 5 that I sent

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 better than she used to
 be) how much do you have to
 pay on money that you get by
 Express or dont you have to pay
 anything) we have not yet 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 when I get
 home I will buy some sheet and
 I am in hopes that I will be
 in a short time but it
 may be true you get but
 I must stop for this time
 Write as often as you can
 and write all the N. news
 So good bye for this time
 From Geo B Davis To
 his wife Catherine Davis D.D.