

Helena Ala. Oct 16 1865

dear and affection wife I got
chance to write you a few lines
to let you know that I am well
at this time hoping when
this reaches your kind
hands it will find you
in the Best of health I
received your kind letter
of 30 of October ^{has come to hand} and was glad
to hear that you were well
and that father and mother
were getting a long so well
we are at Helena now and I
think we will remain there
till we are mustered out our
Regiment has all been called
to gether that was out on
detachment duty and it may
be that we will be sent
home soon that is the
General's opinion at

pregant the pay master
is hear a paying us off
it month pay and the first
installment of our Bounty
i do not no whether i
will send it home or
not if i do i will ex-
press it or send it by
some body that is coming
home in the nether hood
where we live as to coming
home i cant tell any
thing about it But i
think i will get home
by Christmas tho we may
not you must keep in
good spirits and do the
best you can and not
get down hearted for if
we have to stay our time
out it will soon glip off
and then we will cum

Wish every how so
i will stay for this time
yours til death unite
soon and after i
pray for me that i may
may be faithful
and that i may see you
soon

Wm. McCoy
To Eliza McCoy