

April 13th 1865
18 Miles from Mobile

Dear Wife

we are in Camp here
we received two letters from
you to day and was glad
to hear from you and to hear
you was well we landed here
Saturday night about 11 o'clock
and the cannon was roar-
ing so we could scarcely
sleep about midnight word
came that Spanish fort was
taken the next morning we
started and came up with
our Regiment and found the
whole Army in motion since
that time 3 more forts and the
City of Mobile have been taken
and to morrow morning we
start on an 18 day march
taking that many rations

Mobile is supposed to be taken
but the Captain says it is not
certain I think the war will
soon be over and we can
come home I hope so anyhow
you go to Godes Gallery on Wash
ington street opposite the
^{Court House}
~~Post Office~~ if you have not
got those Photographs and there
you will find them I suppose
I am enjoying good health
and am in good company
and meet with different
friends everyday almost
we camp right among the
pine trees and have good
water this is a lovely place to
camp I think if we continue
to have such good success
as we have had we think
we will be home before the
year is out

Since we landed here we
have heard of the Capture
of Richmond the letters I
got from you to day were
the first I got from you
I was glad to hear of your
good health it is beginning
to feel warm here I wrote
to father for him to let you
have all the money you wan-
ted and to put the balance
of the money out on inter-
est what is left and have
it fixed so you can have
the benefit of it any time
you may want it
I wrote to him also to
sell what oats there was
and let you have the mon-
ey I want you to do the
best you can while I
am gone and I will come
home as soon as Uncle
Sam says so

you spoke about my coming
home on a furlough but I
am so far from home that
by the time I get home I
would have to start back
and I would hate to leave
home again another thing
I could not get a furlough
going in for one year
Direct to the 47th Ills Inf
Co K in Care of Capt Rose
Via New Orleans in your
next give me a good long
letter give all the particulars
and let me know whether
you have heard from Correll
and if you can get your
sister to live with you why
do so

Your affectionately

Wm McCoy
by Perence