

Office of A. A. 2nd Sect no Supply Train
2nd Div 2³ AC Raleigh NC
April 15th 1865

Dear Wife

It is with pleasure I now write you this letter and before this reaches you the war will undoubtedly be over. The glad tidings of Lee's Surrender reached us and never did North Carolina hear such shouts of joy. To day the Surrender of Johnson's Army is being arranged and in a few more hours we shall have no force to contend with. Our work is nearly completed. Glory be to God for our success. No more fighting no more Wounded men no more Rebel Prisons. Let every body cheer. What happiness for us all to be returned to our homes with victory emblazened on our banners. The War over I can not yet realize it yet but it is virtually so. Nothing but a few straggling guerrilla bands now that hold out and their existance is short. The main Army are no more. We ever more welcome news sent from the Army. Are you not glad now that I joined the Army. I am and glad

I shall soon see peace again restored you
may look for us home in good season
I am well as usual and in the very
best of spirits arrived here at Raleigh
the Capital of N.C. yesterday morning
after being on the road all night
Since I wrote you last I have been
to Wilmington and brought from there
a large train of wagons and only got
back with them in time to start north
my own train with the troops from Goldsboro
for this place the roads were bad and
have had to work hard early and late
and have not been able to write to you
on that account. I had a letter from
you of the 19th of ~~April~~ March and that
is the last I have had I do not think
I shall have much to do now
and will be able to write of later
I went to bed yesterday noon and slept until
night got up eat my supper went to bed
again and slept until 9 o'clock this A.M.
and I now feel a little rested yet I had
ought to sleep three weeks to make up
for the loss of sleep I have lost lately
The last news is that the troops go
in permanent camp and that President
Lincoln Genl Grant and the Rebel Genl Lee

are to be here on Monday, and that
a surrender of all the rebel forces
are to be made to our Army Genl
Howard is now gone to make arrange-
ments with the rebel Genl Johnson for
his surrender. Genl Bardee surrendered
this morning, and now no more
fighting. The Union is restored the
South Subjugated. Victory crowns our
our Army. We will soon be home
The Star Spangled Banner in triumph
waves over the land of the free and the
home of the brave. Our Prayers have
been heard and answered our cause was
just and God has given us the victory
now we will soon have peace without
the assistance of copper heads and traitors
let them beware hereafter when 500,000
old soldiers are sent home how they talk
traitors. I suppose that this news will
be spread before this reaches you, for news
and are writing the same, and the telegraph
will spread it faster than steam, and the
the whole north will be cheering over the
glorious news. well they may for a bloody
war is now ended. Keep up good efforts
and be patient a little while longer and
I can go home to stay without leaving

the country in danger. If I had time
I would tell you a dream I had after
I heard of the Surrender of Lee but I
will reserve it for some future time. I
am soon going to bed and undoubted-
ly will have another dream, as I dream
about Wagon trains home and every thing
etc. Give my kindest regards to
all. Write soon to your

Affectionally Yours
E. J. Keller
Capt. U.S.A.

Mrs Susanna M. Keller
East Saginaw
Mich

Dear sister
I have just received
your letter and I am
so glad to hear from
you. I send you money
to buy some goods
I hope we are all
well at present
I am ever
your affectionate
brother
E. J. Keller