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Camp of the 23rd Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry
Bowling Gree, KY, Dec 12th 1862

Dear Wife,

I received your kind letter of the 7th tonight and as I am going on picket tomorrow morning to be gone 24 hours, so I hasten to answer it tonight. I also received one from Father tonight with some postage stamps. I owed him one letter and now two so I must answer them as soon as possible. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. We are still here at Bowling Green and are likely to stay for a while. We will have to stay for a while for there is none to many troops here now for we expect an attack here every day and we have had ours loaded every night for a week and been ready for any emergency at a moments notice and we are now to work entrenching our camp to protect the camp and railroad bridge. We will get that job done next week if nothing happens which I don't think will, for we are too well prepared to be taken very easy with force that we

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expect. We are kept very busy now or we would never have anything done and we might be taken unawares. General *{Gordon}* Granger has taken every precaution to insure success if we are attacked. So you must not be alarmed on my account. You wrote about sending me some things. Well, I tell you what, that would come very acceptable now for I am out of money and can't buy anything, so I have got to go without a good many things that would taste good. I have to go without butter which I can get very cheap here now and also tobacco some of the time. There has several boxes of things come to other companies and I guess that anything would that was expressed here would reach here safe. Direct whatever you send to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to me, Company B, 23rd Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Tobacco paper, a few cakes, dried fruit, and some good butter, say 3 or 4 pounds, and some other things that you can think of that would taste better than hard bread and bacon. As I have not time to write a full sheet you must excuse me this time. Give my love to all of the folks and take good care of yourself and the little ones and write often. Good night and pleasant dreams.

From Your Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler

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