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"Rally Round the Flag, Boys!" &

Supply Train Quartermasters Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps  
Nashville, Tennessee, *{Thursday}* December 8<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Wife,

I am well and at Nashville. I hope you are the same. I do not think that I have answered your last letter which I received a day or two ago. I was glad to hear that you and Frank are well, but I am sorry to hear of Sarah's troubles. I should think that Tip had a poor opinion of himself or he would know better. It makes me mad when I think of it. I could wring his damn neck if I could get hold of him. I wish he would get drafted into the army where he would have to behave himself. I have been drawing more wagons today to fill the place of those I had captured a few days ago which I wrote you about last Sunday. I tell you, dear Susan, that I thought of you then and I thought that I would not give much for your chance of getting me back again. I thought you was going to be a widow sure when they called on me to halt and called for the quartermaster. They sent a few bullets after me which I was lucky enough to escape and in the night I got away.

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I was at the theatre last night and tonight I am in camp and in Lieutenant *Gideon* A. Lyon's tent, which is close to mine. I am now a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. I only mustered for the unexpired term of the regiment so now time is out next year the 12<sup>th</sup> of September. If they do by us as they have done by other regiments they will send us home in July as we are all owed sixty days furlough which the regiment never has had, so they all owe it at the close of their time. So keep up

good spirits and I will do the same and the time will soon pass. Give my respects to all and write often to

Your Affectionate Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

P.S. I saw *{Captain}* Royal *{H.}* Loomis today of the 2<sup>nd</sup> *{Michigan}* Cavalry *{Company A}*.

D. D. K.

United States Sanitary Commission.



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