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On Board of Steamer Caroline  
Bound up the Ohio River  
Somewhere, July 12 1863

Dear Wife,

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when we got orders to march for the boat landing, arrived there and we were stowed on a big steam boat and a scow. Three other regiments are with us and a battery on other boats. We have one 12 ??? with us on our scow. There is also three (3) gun boats in the fleet. We left the landing in the middle of the afternoon and proceeded cautiously up the river destroying everything that the rebels could make use of to cross the river with. We arrived this morning at a place called Madison *{IN}*. After breakfast we started on up the river and we are not out of sight of the place yet, Just this minute a man a horseback came on the run to let us know that *{General John Hunt}* Morgan had made a stand 8 miles in the rear of Madison. Well, we

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are keeping up on the river and report says we are going up sixty miles where there is a shoals and the only place Morgan can cross. We left force enough at Madison to whip him and we now have only one regiment besides ours with us. There is citizens enough in arms to to capture him twice over and there is the greatest excitement here I ever saw and if old John Morgan get away, why he is smarter than most men. We have a lot of his men on board now that was captured yesterday by the citizens. I do not know when I can mail this, but I will have it ready for the first opportunity. You need not feel alarmed about the 23<sup>rd</sup>

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having a fight or we would have had one before this time. I am well as usual and I hope you and Sis are the same as I have wrote all of the news up to this minute. I will defer writing more at present or until something more turns up as we are a traveling regiment. I shall have more to write soon so take good care of

yourself and Frankey for a while longer, and as the rebels are getting most beautifully licked in every place the war will soon be over. Write soon and believe me.

Your Most Affectionate Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

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