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Park of 2nd Division Supply Train
Allatoona, Georgia, *{Tuesday}* June 14th 1864

Dear Wife,

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beyond danger. Our men are fighting very day more or less, mostly skirmishing lately. The rebels have a strong position in front, but that will not stop our men when they get a good ready to go on to Atlanta *{GA}*.

The fighting lately has been where the rebels have had every advantage and if they cannot stop us here there is no telling where we will stop. The country from here on to Atlanta is more open and level, while behind is hilly, mountainous and unsettled. We have great confidence in being successful, while the rebels are getting more discouraged every day according to the accounts of deserter. We have had heavy rains lately and the roads are now almost impassable, which will probably delay movements for a few days.

I am glad to learn that Frank is not wounded or seriously hurt for I have felt very uneasy lately on his account since the Army of the Potomac has been fighting so hard.

I am glad that you and Frankie are yet well. I received your photographs and George's for which I am very glad to get. You look young and healthy.

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You wanted my advice about going to see your uncle John Reading this summer. Well, Susan, I think you had better wait until fall when fruit is ripe and the weather is not so warm. Speaking of warm weather, we have it plenty down here. We are now down south in good earnest now and we are enjoying summer, too. Yesterday I wore my overcoat all day and was not uncomfortable. Today is very fine. The nights are cool so we can sleep good. I have seen hotter weather in Michigan than I have here yet.

We have plenty to eat and everything goes right. You must write as often as ever if I do not. I have had no chance to write and I have got all my last months return yet to make to the quartermaster general, so if you do not hear from me regular you must not get alarmed, for I am in a safe department now and do not have to go into fights now. The regiment has not suffered much lately, none that you know have been hurt, yet they have fought most every day and so far since the fight at Resaca *{GA}* they have been very fortunate.

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If I was home I could take your part and things would have to run right, but as I am away serving my country as a soldier I cannot attend to such little things and you must not bother yourself because someone else does not like you for I like you and if everyone else does not and you can always rely on me as long as I live for your friend and husband. I know that you are good and faithful to me and I am satisfied with you if my folks are not, so do not worry about it. Tell Mr. & Mrs. Delavergne that Lute is well. I saw him with the regiment day before yesterday. I have no idea when I can get home. I have hopes that I can get home once more before my time is out and I shall try hard when I see a chance of any success. Take good care of yourself and Frankie and I will do the same. Excuse this pencil for I have no pen. Give my love to your folks and accept this hastily written letter with the love of an ever

Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler
Lieutenant 23 Michigan Volunteer Infantry
and Acting Assistant Quartermaster
Supply Train 2nd Division 23rd Army Corps

P.S. Direct as before.
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To
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