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Camp of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Michigan Volunteer Infantry  
Glasgow, KY, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Wife,

I received your kind letter and welcome by the hand of Lieutenant *{William A.}* Lewis and also the handkerchief and stationary and I was glad to hear that you and sis were well. I would have answered it before but before I had a chance we were ordered out on a scout after rebels and we did not get back until today and as I was pretty tired and warm I put it off until evening. I am afraid I shall have *{to}* finish this tomorrow for there has an order just arrived for a

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detail of fifty men to go to Lebanon *{KY}* and I have got to make the detail so it will be ready in the morning. Well, Susan, our scout we had did not kill anyone for the rebs we were after got gobbled by our cavalry before they got to where we were ambuscaded to gobble them, so we lost our expected fun that we marched so far and hard in the hot sun. We had to come back again as usual with only three or four prisoners. It seems to me that the 23<sup>rd</sup> is a going to go through the war without a fight. Perhaps they will do something with us by and by. We are brigaded anew now

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belong to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps, the First Brigade, and Judah's Division. ~~there is~~ Our brigade is composed of three regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, & two batteries, which makes a very large brigade. We were reviewed last week by Major General *{George Lucas}* Hartsuff and Brigadier General *{Henry M.}* Judah. Our brigade is a long one when it is all in one line of battle. We have got some new officers. Our major is now lieutenant colonel and our major is from the 6<sup>th</sup> Michigan and surgeon from the 17<sup>th</sup> Michigan. My commendation along with the others were sent back for alteration and as there is no vacancy at present I shall have to wait ~~th~~ until there is one, which will not be long as there

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two signatures been sent in now and it is most time that they were heard from. I am not so much disappointed as a great many others and I am satisfied to wait. I am well and can stand the hot weather better than I expected. Our camp is in the shade and we are comfortable. I will try and take your good advice and I hope it will do me good. It is a hard place for a man in the army ~~her-a~~ to live a Christian, but I can try and I have mended my ways some now and they will bear more mending than I can promise for now. Give my love to all of the folks and believe me.

Your Affectionate Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

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