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Headquarters 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry
Glasgow, KY, June 21st 1863

Dear Wife,

I received yours of the 14th yesterday and as today is Sunday I have to write and so it answers your kind and welcome letter. I am well as usual and in the best of health. I have not been sick a minute since I was home. As soon as I got back I got over my cold that I caught by sleeping in the house and I have not had any since. I believe that it agrees with me in the army more than anyplace I have ever been. I can stand the marches better than ever and if nothing happens I can live through the war.

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I was just looking over ?????? papers in the desk and ?????? a letter from you dated the 24th of April. It was one that you wrote while I was on my way home and it was laid away and forgot. However, it is of no consequence and as I answered it by coming home I am satisfied. Enclosed I send a photograph of Tom Montgomery for you to file away for me. We are getting ready for to march from this place and I do not know where our destination will be. Orders were just received to turn over all extra baggage and to have a full supply of ammunition this day. I should not be surprised if we marched tomorrow. If we do you must not worry if you do not hear from me as often for we may go where there is no mail route and where there will have to be one opened

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before we can either get or send any mail. I will write again the first opportunity and let you know where we are and what we are about. You must write as often as though you heard from me regular and direct to me, 23rd Regiment Michigan Infantry, 1st Brigade, Judahs Division, 23rd Army Corps, Glasgow Department of the Ohio, Glasgow, KY, and the letters will follow me wherever we go. It is a long direction to put on a letter and I will send you an envelope to copy from. Perhaps you had better get some good penman to direct them for you. You say that you are going home with Cousin Frank and as you did not tell me where to direct you must wait until you get to Saginaw *{M}* to hear from me. I wish you had told me the post office address so you could

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get my letters sooner. I hope you will have a good visit and I wish I could help you enjoy it. I am glad you got the money that I sent you for you must have needed it by this time. I would have sent you more, but I have had to buy every

little luxury that I ate and pay three times what is was worth and it uses up money fast. I hope I will get more wages by and by so I can make something. I have had to do a heap of work for small wages and I am satisfied if it only helped to put down the rebellion. And you keep writing such good and encouraging letters. Give Frankey a kiss for me and about yourself, you will have to wait until I come home again. Remember me to my Father and Sister and all other friends and believe me.

Your Most Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler,
Sergeant Major,
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