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Office of Acting Assistant Quartermaster, 2nd Division 23rd Army Corps
Salisbury, North Carolina, *{Thursday}* June 22nd 1865

Dear Wife,

I received yours of the 11th inst. and I was very glad to hear that you are well. I am in the same fix, too. My health is very good and I hope that I will return home so in a short time. The 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry will be off for home the first of the week, I am told by the officers. The 107th Illinois Volunteer Infantry started for home this morning and the 80th Indiana Volunteer Infantry goes in the morning and the other regiments will leave daily until all are gone and fast as transportation can be had. The 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry and 111th Ohio Volunteer Infantry will go together when their turn comes. Those two regiments have been together since we first came out and have always marched and fought together for nearly three years side by side and are as well acquainted as though it were one regiment. The 107th Illinois and 80th Indiana also have always

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I parted this morning with many warm friends of the 107th Illinois that I have associated with nearly three years. As they started, one long loud cheer went up from all and a final adieu was waved as we bid them Godspeed home where we will soon follow.

Now, about my case, which I do not know much about myself, for I am not relieved and am the only quartermaster in the division that is not relieved. I have had to relieve others and have been receiving the other trains and now I have 100 wagons, ~~and~~ ambulances and trains, and other property too numerous to mention. The general has telegraphed to department headquarters to know what they intend for me to do and whether to relieve me or not.

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My humble opinion is that I am wanted to take charge of a train across the country to Ohio and let me go through that way. One thing is certain, they have got to let me know soon what orders that have or in less than one week I will be mustered out and then I guess I will be relieved. I do not fret any nor worry myself any for it would do no good. I know that. If they do not relieve me until the regiment starts I will have to remain here a few days to make my returns which will have to be done here as some of them require the general's approval to make them complete and consequently I shall have to do it here. I have got everything done towards them that can be done until I am relieved and three days will finish them. After that then if I start for home I can overtake the regiment before it gets home and if I go with the train to Ohio I cannot get home quite as soon, but will make it pay. I have sold my private horse and got \$20 twenty dollars and a gold watch and chain and if I do not dispose of it before I get home I will give it to you if you want it. It is a lady's watch and too small for me to carry, even if I did not have one which I have never been without since I have been in the army.

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You spoke of meeting me at Detroit *{M}*. Now do not come there unless I write to you from there to come and let you know where to meet me. I do not want to go visiting about until after I get home. I want to get home first and visit with you before anyone else. You spoke about my doing as I pleased with the girls. Well, I think I have which is not much. I do not like the style here and do not run any risk that would have to be taken of it. Well, no matter, I have let them alone so far and intend to. I went to a country dance which satisfied me. Girls without hoops and such lollygagging I never saw. I got them all scared at me and all the dances I ever saw that tar heel dance beat all, which I will tell you all about when I get home. I did not dance any nor would I there. I could have too much fun for that. Oh, such a dance. I only stayed a little while and rode home satisfied with North Carolina dances. I would not go ten feet to another. I did not know the first girl there nor did I make the acquaintance of any, but I guess they all will remember me. To change the subject, I will let you know in a few days when to look for me and I now think I shall be home by the 15th of July. Remember me to all and believe me. As ever,

Your true and Affectionate Husband,
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