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Office of Acting Assistant Quartermaster Supply Train, 2nd Division 23rd Army
Corps
Salisbury, North Carolina, *{Sunday}* June 4th 1865

Dear Wife,

It is Sunday night and as the day has been very warm I delayed all my writing until night and came very near not writing at all, for I got to reading and did not like to stop, but I thought that I had ought to write you a letter and not have it to do tomorrow. I wrote you a good long letter several days ago and shall not write so much this time for it is already getting late. I keep well as usual and count the days that I have to serve every day and have got it down to 97, which is only a few days over 3 months. Yet I have great hopes of getting home in less time.

I was informed today by the Chief Quartermaster of the 23rd Army Corps that the wagon trains would soon be started over the mountains for Ohio by the way of Virginia and that if I wanted to go I would be sent with them to Ohio, which I told him just suited me.

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He says that all of the wagons in the department will be collected and sent which will make a long train of several miles in length when on the road. I prefer going that way because it will be pleasanter and safer than by rail or water on such railroads as are here. If I am on a good horse I can travel well enough.

I will perhaps take about four weeks to make the march and perhaps longer if we have to go far into Ohio. I do not know what point yet that we will be ordered to, but will let you know when I get the information.

I have got my returns made up to the present time and have not got that on my mind and feel easy on that score. No paymaster has arrived here yet and we feel the want of greenbacks much. I heard today that there would soon be one here. I hope so with plenty of the desired article and relieve us of having to be so very economical. I suppose you need some funds as well as myself.

I have no news to write as we do not have such excitement as we used to and what little news we get comes from the north and you get it before we do here.

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We are having summer here in good earnest and it occupies most of any time to sit in the shade and keep as cool as I can and for want of employment we play cards for amusement until we get tired of that then rest for a while and when we get tired of resting we play cards again, and so on until it gets cool enough to ride

out. Then my darkey saddles my horse and I ride downtown for news or attend to what business I may have and after dark light up and go to work on my papers.

Give my kind regards to all and tell little Frank that I have her picture and that she has grown very much. I would like to see her and see I f I could realize that I have as large a daughter as her picture represents. Take good care of her and be patient a little longer and I will do the same and will do all I can to get home soon. I am as ever

Your Affectionate Husband

D. D. Keeler

Mrs. Susan M. Keeler
East Saginaw
Michigan

Office of A. & M. Supply Train 2nd Div. 23rd Ac
Salisbury N.C. June 4th 1865

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