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Camp of 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry Glascow, KY, June 7th 1863

Dear Wife,

I am well as usual and as today is Sunday I must write you a few lines and let you know how I get along, which is first rate. I hope you are well as usual and in good spirits, and if you are not, here is twenty dollars for you and Frankey which you must use to your benefit. I would have sent it before, but I though it better to send it by someone going home on a furlough and it would reach you

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as soon, if not sooner, than it would by express. Sergeant *{Mathias V.}* Blackmar is going home tomorrow and will carry this as far as he goes and mail it for the rest of the way, probably from Chesaning *{M/}*. We are all still in camp at Glasgow in the fair grounds, which I assure you is the nicest place for a camp I have seen. We are as comfortable as we were before and just as safe. We are 28 miles east of Bowling Green *{KY}* and ten miles from the railroad and a stage runs to the road from here so we get our mail as regular as before. General *{Henry M.}* Judah is in command here, the same general we had

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at Bowling Green. General *{Mahlon Dickerson}* Manson has been with us two or three days in our camp. He thinks there is not another regiment like the 23rd and he is at home with the boys. He went around the camp and visited them in their dog tents to see us again and I never heard louder cheers in my life then went up for the old general when he first made his appearance in our camp. We were on dress parade when he rode in and the whole regiment were in line and every man cheered his loudest. At night our brass band serenaded him and he made us some very complimentary remarks.

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Lieutenant G*{eorge}* B. Greens is acting adjutant now in place of Adjutant *{Campbel/}* Montgomery who is acting assistant adjutant general on Colonel *{Marshall W.}* Chapin's staff, and he will be there as long as Colonel Chapin is in command of the brigade. Our regiment furnishes all of the brigade officers. O*{scar}* S. Davis is Post Quartermaster now so we have Lieutenant Lyons for Quartermaster now. The boys are well and in good spirits. Sergeant Paine arrived here last night. He did not go to Saginaw *{MI}*. I suppose you have seen Lieutenant *{William A.}* Lewis. We have not had a man die in two months, which speaks well for the health of the regiment. Write soon to

Your Affectionate Husband,

D. D. Keeler

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