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Office of Acting Assistant Quartermaster Supply Train
2nd Division 23 Army Corps
Salisbury *{NC}*, *{Friday}* Jun 9th 1865

Dear Wife,

I just received yours of the 1st inst. and hasten to answer as soon as I have read it and tell you the good news. I see you have anticipated it but you are ahead of time. We get the orders here before you can get word of it and we have not had it long. The welcome order has only reached us day before yesterday and another concerning the same thing last night which is for us to be mustered out at once or as soon as we can get the necessary muster out rolls made out and for all men and officers now on detached service to be relieved and return to their respective regiments for duty which will include me as soon as another officer is appointed to receive my train. My lieutenant told me last night that he had completed one copy of my company muster out roll and now only had to copy it five times to be all ready.

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Now as you want to know the probable time that I shall be home, I will put it down by the middle of July as prospects look favorable for that result. I do not think that we can get home sooner because there are a great many other regiments going to and we will have to take our turn so look for me by that time which is but little over on month.

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and often. I had a lot of other correspondents that have not answered my letters lately and I do not intend to write to any of them so often hereafter. I have been in the habit of receiving a great many letters until lately and now to have them stop so suddenly does not agree with my constitution. I have now but one faithful correspondent besides you and it does not give me writing enough at this easy

time. I get along very well lately. I have Captain Better to fool with, that is, we wake on other up early morning and throw water on each other for amusement. After supper we generally have our horses saddled and ride out in the country from 6 to 12 miles. I just heard the chief quartermaster will be here tomorrow and I will see him and find out what I will have to do and will let you know in my next letter. I would like to be home on the 4th of July very much, but I don't think it will be possible for us to get there by that time as there is a great deal of work to do writing before we can get mustered out of the service. I can get my papers all completed in a day pertaining to the quartermaster department as I have made all my returns up to the end of May and if I do not have the company papers to make out

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I will not be behind any. Keep patient a very little longer and we will soon be happy *{as}* can be. We will go to keeping house at once and live as we used to. I will stay home with you nights and that will suit you I know. Take good care of Frankie for me, so good night with pleasant dreams. My kind regards to Father & Mother.

I am as ever Your Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler
Captain and Acting Assistant Quartermaster

To
Mrs. Susan M. Keeler
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