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Headquarters 23rd Michigan Volunteer Infantry
Near Mossy Creek, Tennessee, *{Thursday}* Marcy 10th '64

Dear Wife,

I now have a few minutes leisure and as I have a chance to send a letter by 1st Lieutenant Adjutant *C{ampbell}* Montgomery as far as Detroit *{MI}*, I will write a few lines to let you know that I am well and enjoying the same good health that I am always blessed with. Nothing new here that I have heard and matters stand as they did several days ago and nothing but the every day line of camp duties to amuse us. We only drill an hour & a half each day when the weather is fine. Yesterday we had a very good brigade drill. Today we have not drilled any as it rained last night.

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a good girl and wait a short time longer, about 15 months, then I can leave the service by having served my time faithfully. If it costs you so much to live I think it will be more profitable for you to rent the house and board, but if you like housekeeping do not rent the house on that account. I am called to supper so I will have to finish this. My love to all and remember that I write often as this is the third letter to you this week. Take good care of Frankie and may God bless you. I am as ever,

Your Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler
Lieutenant & Acting Adjutant

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