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Keeler Civil War Letters

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{Envelope:} {Postmark:} NEW BERN NC MAR 28 1865 Mrs. Susan M. Keeler East Saginaw Michigan

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Office of Acting Assistant Quartermaster, 2nd Division 23rd Army Corps Morehead City, North Carolina *{Saturday}* March 25th 1865

Dear Lottie,

I received yours with Susan's this morning and glad I was to hear from you and very much surprised at the improvement in your writing and the improvement of your correspondence. You must have learned fast at school this winter and I am very glad to see it, and you must continue in your studies as you have begun and you will have an education that you need not be ashamed of. I am sorry to hear that Dan does not learn very fast. I hope he will do as well as you have done and learn to write so as to write me a letter before I go home next fall. I have answered this letter, makes eight letters today, and it is nearly 10 o'clock. I sent a man for my mail to the front and he got back this morning with a haversack full of letters for me and my men.

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You must tell Susan that I set in the morning for Goldsboro $\{NC\}$ where the army is. I answered her letters this forenoon and since then I have received marching orders and will leave this place in the morning with my wagon train.

I wish that you could have some of my oysters as I have more than I know what to do with. I gathered a boat load yesterday and have had them every day for more than two weeks. I have them served in every style and after eating all I want I finish up with a dish of raw ones fresh from the shell and beach. I also have sea crabs occasionally and clams for a change. I suppose you are anxiously waiting for my time to expire so that I can go home. Well, I am, too, and will not stay any longer than I can help. I will send you my photograph next time or in a letter to Susan for you. You must answer and tell me all the news from home. Give my love to your mother, grandmother and father and Susan, Nelly and Dan, and reserve a share for yourself.

I Am Your Affectionate Uncle,

D. D. Keeler

{Page 3:} To Miss Lottie Lester

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