

Office of A. A. M. 2nd Div. 23rd A.
Mosley Hall W.C. March 31st 1865

Dear Wife

I received two letters from you one of as late a date as the 17th I was very glad indeed to hear from you and hasten to answer I am well as usual and as busy as ever I arrived here last night and are now once more up with my command, which I am very glad of. I am sorry to hear that John Ryan is so sick and that that his family are in such reduced circumstances. I left New York City on the 26th Inst and had no trouble in my march here. I miss my Oysters as I am now up country and transportation is so scarce to have many of them here. You spoke of going to Illinois this summer and asked my advise and before I give it I must tell you what I have been thinking of that is I have been thinking of have my you meet me on my way home at Union in N.Y. State my native place I have received already two invitations

from ~~the~~ my friends there and I now ask your
opinion in regard to it. I would like to make
a visit to Union and would like your company
and the only reason I see to prevent it is that
if I go home with my Regt which I want to be
mustered out with them and that the Regt
will not go that way, which might interfere
with such a plan, and do not think it best
to put much confidence in the proposal as I
do not want to do any thing that will keep me
beyond my time. I have no objections to your
visiting your friends in Ills and will send you
money to do so as soon as I can, and the only
fears I have is your traveling so far alone and
that Frankie get sick and you away from home
However if you want to go I will do all I
can to assist you. I would rather be with
you on your journey for it would be pleasant
for you to have someone with you than to travel
alone. I will not write a very long letter this time
as I am tired and sleepy and will write more
next time. You may address me hereafter as
Captain Keeler. I accepted the promotion
with the understanding that I retain

present position as a 2^d M and to Muster
out with the Regiment at the expiration
of our term of service. other ways I would
not have accepted of the promotion.

I have only five months more to serve
and twelve days, but the twelve days are
nothing I think then I shall be one of the
happiest men in the A.S. and you the
happiest of women. My kind regards to
all and retain the greater portion to your
self Good night

I Am as ever Your affectionate Husband

D. S. Keeler

Capt^{re} 2^d M

2nd Div 2³ A.C.

In the field W.C.

Mrs Susan M Keeler

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