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Camp Near Cassville, Georgia, *{Sunday}* May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864  
Supply Train 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps

Dear Wife,

I suppose you feel anxious about me and would like to hear from me. Well, dear Susan, I am well and safe but the regiment has suffered considerable in the several battles of late. They have fought the ground all over for nearly fifty miles and have drove the rebels out of every fortification. Our regiment lost sixty-two (62) killed and wounded. Some other regiments suffered more and some less. Our army is larger and are driving everything before them and the country is laid waste. As fast as we drive them the rebels leave nothing behind them of any value that they can take with them. We are now under orders to march with 20 days

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rations, 4 days to be carried by the men and 16 days by wagons. I have my 30 wagons loaded with rations and will follow in the rear as the army advances, so you must not worry about me for my place is back out of danger. We are now about 70 miles into the state of Georgia and we are having summer in good earnest. The railroad is in running order as far as we have come and the cars are running to this place. Our forces have not given the rebs time to destroy the road and they have left it nearly whole for our use. I do not get much time to write as I have considerable to see to and am very busy most of the time.

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your photographs and you may believe that I was glad to get it. I wish that I could see the original; nothing would please me as much. I hope that nothing will happen to either of us, for it would be a pity to destroy all of our future hopes while on earth. Colonel Spaulding wants to get me relieved to act as adjutant again and if he does I shall have to go back to my regiment again. I do not want to go back at present, for I am now placed where I have to come responsible for considerable property and to come out all right I have got to have time for it. The mail goes out soon, so I will have to close this without writing half I want to. My respects to all. I am as ever

Your Affectionate Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

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