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Dear Wife

I do not leave this for my Sergeant to write but do it myself I was very tired before and I told him to write for me. I went in the country again the next day and was gone six days and only got back day before yesterday I had a good time while I was gone, and was welcomed by the people who never saw any yankees before until I went among them and we were a source of a curiosity and fear at first but when they found that we came as friends they welcomed us and treated us well.

The Women besieged us for Coffee and Calicoe they have got tired of the homespun dress that Southern Ladies wear and long for northern goods that northern Ladies wear. I expect to make another trip in a few days and I hope I will go for I had rather be going somewhere than laying in camp all the time. I have not heard from you lately and begin to feel anxious for a letter. I got a letter from Frank and he said that nothing

had been heard of me in a long time and that they were afraid that something had happened to me. If they feel so anxious let them write often and I will do the same. I cannot stand it to write letters all the time and only get an answer in a long time. I write to you regular and you do to me, other ways I would not hear from home very often. I hope you are all well and continue so.

I have been well all of the time and I am yet I think I have been blessed with good health while I have been in the army and am very thankful for it. My time is growing very short now and I look forward for the day to come when I will be a private citizen and home with my affectionate wife only 3 months and 17 days more to serve in the army and soon will that pass.

We did expect to be home sooner and I have not yet give up the idea yet. I do not think that our services will be needed so long now the war is over and as soon as civil authority is established here we will probably be relieved and be mustered out. We are now looking for a pay master here to pay us off. I hope he will soon get here with our Postage Stamps for every body are in need of funds at present.

You probably are as anxious as I am about it and I hope soon to be able to supply you with funds. I went to see my Regiment yesterday for the first time in a month and I found them well and in the nicest camp I ever saw and it is pronounced by all military men to be the nicest camp ever saw it is well laid out with plenty of room and for good health convenience and shade it can not be beat.

I have a good camp myself and am as pleasantly situated as I can ask and far better than any house. I had my choice a place in town or a tent in the shade I chose the latter I wish that it might be graced by your presence then I should be satisfied. As for the the female portion of this city I have never yet spoken to one of them nor do I intend to make the acquaintance of any Snuff chewer. I must tell you of an adventure in the country I went to a house where a Widdow and her daughter lived and was invited to a seat and was talking when the Girl about 17 years old got up and looked around and

asked her mother where her tobacco was she did not  
know so I offered her a chew of my tobacco which  
she bit off as well as I could and the the way  
she could squirt tobacco juice ashamed me I got  
up and bid them good day and left

I must soon go to dinner and will  
write again soon Take good care of Little Frank  
for me and give my kindest regards to all  
and believe me as ever your affectionate

Husband

J. G. Keeler

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