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East Saginaw,  
Michigan

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Camp of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry  
Bowling Green, KY, May 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

Dear Wife,

Yesterday I received your kind and welcome letter and I was glad to hear that you were well and Frankey, too. It was the first letter I had from you since my return here. I received one from Frank the other day and he was well. I wrote you a few lines and sent it by Lieutenant *{William A.}* Lewis. I had not time then to write more. He will call and see you and you may send a letter back by him when he returns. I suppose you wish it was me

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that was coming home instead of him, but I cannot get another furlough for some time, and you must be patient and the war will be over after a while and I can go home and stay there and not have to leave you again. We are still under marching orders and have to keep ourselves in readiness to march at a moments notice. I do not think we will move from here for all that for we are needed here as much as anywhere and more. We are not doing anything but a little drilling and the Kentucky troops have it all to do just double what they used to do. We cannot do anything as long as we are

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under marching orders, so we are having easy times to what we have seen before since we have been in Kentucky. The weather is warm and we keep in the shade most of the time and keep as cool as we can. Yesterday I had all of the ripe strawberries I could eat. I thought of you and wished you could have part of them. The news is good from General *{Ulysses S.}* Grant's army and a few more such victories and the rebellion will be squelched. Colonel *{Marshall W.}* Chapin is with us now and we are glad of it. He is one of the finest officers that a regiment was ever blessed with. He is a good soldier and a gentleman

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informed by good authority that a commission is sent for me. If so, I will get it in the course of a month. You need not say anything about it for I do not feel in a hurry to let everyone know it for I might get disappointed. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends and do not forget Frankey and Sarah. I will write as often as I can. The weather is most too warm to write much, but I will write to you and you must write to

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