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Camp at Bowling Green, Kentucky, Nov. 15th 1862
23rd Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry

Dear Wife,

I received two letters from you, one of the 20th and one of the 29th, and also one from Sarah and one from Sant *{his brother, Sanford Keeler}*. That made four at once. It was our back mail that did not find us out until now. You had better believe it was welcome. I hope now we will get our mail regular for we are going to stop here some time. By all appearance we may stay

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here all winter. It is thought so by all of the officers. If we do it will be better for us, for all we shall have to do is to guard the railroad bridge and the turnpike bridge. That will be the duty for seven companies, one at a time, and three companies on provost guard in the city. Our company are now on guard at the bridges and will be relieved tonight. I have not been on duty for a week now and am in camp. I was a little sick with the bilious colic, which give me fits one day last week while on the last days march to this place. It left me pretty weak, so I have been resting a few days and am almost as good as ever now and will be able for

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duty next week. I received two postage stamps in one of your letters which comes acceptable for I am out of money and have not been paid yet. We may get it next week and may not for two months. As soon as I get it I will send you some. There is one thing in which you are mistaken in; is about my being a Lieutenant. I am not one, but only acting. I get no more pay than before. Captain *{Henry Heber}* Woodruff will probably be back with the company in a short time, then I can act only as Sergeant. Don't go and tell anyone that I am anything but a 2nd Sergeant, for that is as high as I rank, although I act higher if there does a vacancy occur above me I shall perhaps get it. If we stay

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here all winter and you get a chance to send me anything such as socks or mittens, butter or dried fruit, send me some, for it will be a luxury to a fellow that can't get any such thing. We live very well now. We have got soft bread and good beef now, sweet potatoes; so we make it go very well now. Do not get discouraged for we may all be back by spring. The rebels are about gone in around here and also farther on. What prisoners we have taken say that they can't stand it much longer. Give my love to all. Tell George to mind his ??? ???
??? ???. Let Sis do as she wants to, but take good care of her.

From Your Affectionate Husband,
D. D. Keeler



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23rd Regt Mich
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D G Miller