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Bowling Green
23rd Regiment, Michigan Infantry
November 16th *{1862}*

Dear Brother Sant,

I received yours of the 26th and glad I was to hear from you and Father. Well, Sant, I am well as usual and we are now going into winter quarters here. The teams are all hauling logs to build houses for the officers. Our camp is on or close to the Louisville & Nashville Rail Road on dry ground close to the river and part of our duties are to guard the bridge and do picket duty.

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I received a letter from Frank while on the march here. It was the first I had received from him since he had heard of Mother's death. You say I ought to read his letter to you. I say you ought to read the one I got. It was the best letter that I ever read in my life. I did not think he could stand the affliction so well. I find that he is equal for anything that may occur. I wish he was with our regiment. He ought to be where he could stand an equal chance with the other, but he does not where he is now, where they import new men to fill every vacancy that occurs. I have been sick during the last week. I had the biliary colic, which used me up for a few days. I am better now and will

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go on duty tomorrow again. I see by what Father wrote that he thinks that I am a Lieutenant. He is mistaken. I am only a Sergeant acting Lieutenant. I rank the same as I did when I left Saginaw *{M}*. Oscar S. Davis is First Sergeant and is acting Quartermaster and only ranks as First Sergeant, so you see how we are situated. Tell Father that I had Pratt paid for 2 windows and frames with casings ??? ??? 75 cents and what over that Rube got I owe for and that is all. He says that Rube got 2 windows and one door. I don't see how one window and a door should cost six dollars. Tell Father to have Pratt make a bill of it and send it to me and when

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I get paid I will have it paid as soon as possible. We have not got our pay yet and don't know how when we will get it. I hope it won't be long for I am in need of some money myself. I wish you would go to Joslin and have him send me the Enterprise. I have not had a paper since I left Saginaw. He promised to send it regular for a good while. I write to Frank very often and he does to me. Susan said you sent me some stamps, but I have not received them yet. They must be on the way. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends and believe me.

Your Affectionate Brother,
D. D. Keeler



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