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Out on Picket, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1862
3 miles from Louisville {KY}

Dear Wife,

I have got a few moments to spare while my sweet potatoes are roasting for breakfast, so I will improve it by writing to you. We came out here on picket yesterday noon, stood on post until 6 at night, and were relieved until this morning, and now we will have to stand until noon. I like this picket duty better than anything I have done, yet our line is on a secesh farm through a beautiful grove. The posts are close together and two and three on one post; and only one is required to keep

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watch at a time, so we have it pretty easy. It is better than a crowded camp in the city. Last night was the first night that we slept all night since we left Saginaw [MI]. I have not received a letter since I left Saginaw. I have written three to you, one to Sant, one to Father. It may not have had time to have got here. I must go and see about my sweet potatoes or they may burn up. Last Sunday, just after I wrote a letter to you, the artillery commenced firing and on the lines what it meant no one knows. It wasn't long before a cavalry man came riding in with orders, so we were ordered out in line of battle and so was every other regiment. It was surprising to see how quick everyone was on the move. Infantry, cavalry, artillery were out

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in line of battle in a very few minutes. We stood in line for an hour or so when we were ordered back to camp and that was all there was of that fight. I saw Muton Jones yesterday; he is in Captain Godfrey's company. He looked natural. I have seen Royal {Houghton} Loomis several times and a good many of that company. They look well and hearty. How does George and Franky get along? Does he ask for me? Tell him I will come back bye and bye and bring him something. Tell Tip & Sarah to write, also Lottie. Tell Tip to drink a glass of beer for me. Take good care of yourself and children. Remember me to your father and mother. Answer soon.

From Your Husband.

D. D. Keeler

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