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Quartermasters Office, Supply Train
2nd Division 23rd Army Corps
Decatur, Georgia, *{Sunday}* October 2nd 1864

Dear Wife,

As today is the day I generally devote to letter writing (that is, Sunday) I will stick to the habit and write to you too as I promised, that is, to write often. I am well every way except my side. I broke my ribs over again last night. I believe I wrote to you that a mule kicked me and broke one or two of my ribs about a week ago. Well, I did not mind that much and as it did not hurt me any I continued on duty as though nothing had happened to me and last night a big bug got in bed with me and when he got on me I thought it was a scorpion and I jumped so quick that it

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I have no news to write as I wrote all I could think of last Thursday. I wrote then a good long letter and sent in it a check for three hundred dollars which I hope you will get soon. I am getting along pretty well with my papers and will, if nothing happens, have them completed and mailed in another week. Then I shall try to go home. Do not expect me too much for there is a good chance for disappointment as I may not get a leave of absence. I hope that I shall and that the road to the rear will be safe to travel.

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We have not received any mail for several days as our communication with the rear have been cut several days, but I heard tonight that the road is open again through to Nashville *{TN}*. I hear that there is a large mail for us coming and I hope there is some for me from you. I have kept Sunday myself pretty well. Today I have done nothing but read and go to the branch and have a bath. Towards night I went over to the regiment and eat supper with Captain Hamilton. My train has been out in the country all day for forage. I was out last Friday at Stone Mountain *{GA}* and loaded a hundred wagons with corn. We help ourselves to every corn field we can find without asking any questions, strip it of all and leave nothing for the people whether secesh or not. I saw two of the prettiest rebel girls at Stone Mountain I have seen since I have been in the army. They were the most bitter kind.

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They did not like me for I took their corn, however, they treated me civil and I drove the soldiers out of their garden and hen house. I bid them good day and left them. You must excuse me if I do speak of pretty girls for I am not ashamed of my conduct towards any of them yet. So far I have conducted myself as well as any wife could wish and even more so than many could expect of a soldier far from home. Whenever I see a woman to speak to her I am thinking of you all the time and I hope that I will soon see you. I am more homesick this fall than I ever have been yet and you may rest assured that I will do all I can to get home. Take good care of our little one and write often. Give my love to Father & Mother and all inquiring friends. I am as ever,

Your Affectionate Husband

D. D. Keeler

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