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Quartermasters Office Supply Train  
2<sup>nd</sup> Division 23<sup>rd</sup> Army Corps  
Decatur, Georgia, *{Friday}* September 16<sup>th</sup> 1864

Dear Wife,

I received yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst yesterday and I was glad to hear that you are well and that Frankie is better of her cold. I am well as usual and nothing new has transpired here. Everything is quiet except my mules which act as though they would like to kick each other to death. They begin to feel pretty well since they have rested a few days. Enough about mules. I suppose that you do not care anything about them, if they are our long-eared fellow soldiers and an animal that an army could not move without. You say that you have to keep fire all the time to keep warm and

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wonder if I suffer with cold. Far from it yet we do not suffer with heat. The weather is very mild at present. The days are warm but not so excessively hot and the nights are cool and pleasant and I sleep comfortable in a single blanket, yet I would like to have a bed fellow as I sleep all alone. I received several letters lately, one from Sarah Keeler my sister, and from Father, Sant, & Frank. I have got to answer them soon. I am going to try and get home this fall and I believe that I can, for I am going to make a big effort. I think I am entitled to a leave of absence, for I have been on duty every day since I was home before. The regiment would veteran if they could go home this month, but that will not be allowed so we will not veteran quite so much. The regiments that has permission to reenlist cannot get their furloughs, so they will not reenlist. I suppose that I will soon receive another commission as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

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the men of this army at the attempts of those craven-hearted cowards to rob them of the honor that they have so faithfully ~~won~~ and honestly won on the bloody fields from Kentucky to the Gate City of the Confederacy (as Atlanta *{GA}* is called). We have more contempt for them than for the foe before us. I hope that if they vote for McClellan they will get their dues; that is, a piece of rope and be made to dance on nothing. Write soon and I will write again Sunday if I am not away from camp. My respects to all and believe me. As ever,

Your Affectionate Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

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