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Jeffersonville {KY}, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1862

Dear Wife,

Here I am within 1 mile of Dixie, all safe and sound. We arrived at this place this morning and are awaiting orders to cross the Ohio River into Kentucky at Louisville, where there is about eighty thousand of our men in camp awaiting to go to Lexington {KY} as far as I can learn. When we left Saginaw {MI} we arrived in Detroit {MI} at 8 o'clock p.m. where refreshments were awaiting us. We then went aboard of the boat, left for Cleveland {OH} at 10 p.m., arrived

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in Cleveland the next morning, then we took rail for Cincinnati {OH}. We reached Cincinnati about 2 o'clock a.m. the next morning. After breakfast we again took cars for this place and arrived this morning. Everything passed off pleasantly, not one accident happened on the way. We are now at the Jeffersonville depot in Indiana. Across the river is Louisville is Kentucky where we expect to go before night. Troops are pouring in at this point at the rate of from four to the thousand a day. Just this minute there has arrived another regiment. The boys are cheering them as we were cheered all along the way by every man, woman, and child, waving of handkerchiefs and dishcloths.

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Today is Sunday, but it does not seem a bit like Sunday here. I was out on patrol an hour ago. Some of the boys were running around town and we were sent out to bring them in. The boys hurried back at double-quick when they found we were out. The boys are all well and stood the journey very well. I am writing on the bottom of my knapsack sitting on a railroad tie in the shade of the depot building. When I can get a better place I will write more and write it better. I am a little tired now after riding three days and nights. Excuse bad writing. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends. Answer soon.

From Your Husband,  
D. D. Keeler

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P.S. Direct your letters to D. D. Keeler, Company B, 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Michigan Infantry, Louisville, Kentucky.

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