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Mrs. Susan M. Keeler
East Saginaw
Michigan

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Quartermasters Office Supply Train
2nd Division 23rd Army Corps, Decatur, Georgia
{Monday} September 26th 1864

Dear Wife,

I am one day behind my usual time of writing and it is now bedtime, but I have determined to write you a letter before I sleep. Yesterday was Sunday and I ought to wrote you a good long letter but I was too busy with public business and until late at night before I was ready to go to bed. Before I retired I completed a months papers and done them up with my letters to the quartermaster general and mailed them this morning. Today I finished another set of returns before dark and as the general is going home tomorrow I went down to headquarters

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to have him approved before he is gone to enable me to make up my returns. I am trying to get my returns made up so that I can get a leave of absence. I am going to exert myself soon to get home to see you and I am determined if there is a possibility to go home. I believe I never was so homesick in my life as I have been since this campaign ended and you may be assured that I will do my best to get a leave of absence. I got my pay last week up to the last of August. I got \$526.60 and I have a check of 300.00 dollars to send to you and I am not decided how to send it, whether by mail or wait a few days and send it by someone going north to express or mail for me. At any rate you may expect 300 dollars soon for your use this winter. I was one hundred dollars in debt and I have paid that and I have

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all I want before I get paid again. I will try to get my pay for September as soon the month is ended as I am on detached service I can get paid on my order. I spoke to my division quartermaster about going home and he said he would do all he could for me and I am sure that Colonel Boyd, the chief quartermaster, will do me for me what he can. And I am in hopes that I can get home this fall for I want to get a good look at you. I think of you the greater part of my time and I dream of you nights. Sometimes I see you as plain as I ever did and about that

time my n----- wakes me up for breakfast. I am well and I am now in better health than I have been in my life. I am going to Atlanta tomorrow for clothing for the troops. I go there two or three times a week so I have something to do every day as I did before the campaign ended.

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I am now writing with a tent full of visitors and all talking about reports and returns, stoppages of pay, and so you see I am laboring under disadvantages. Well, I will write again soon and so tonight I will now wish you good night and happy dreams. My respects to all. Write soon to

Your Affectionate Husband,

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