

Camp on Kettle Run

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My dear wife

I have got a  
beam for fifteen days, but  
shall not be able to get away  
from here before Wednesday. You  
may therefore expect me a Friday  
night or Saturday morning.

I would start earlier but  
I have ~~some~~ work to sign the  
muster rolls. I tried to get leave  
to apply for an extension of my  
leave but that was not granted.

I have an opportunity of seeing  
this to Washington by private land  
& to avail myself of it, I must  
be brief.

Good bye

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