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My Dearest Wife –

With a heart overflowing with love do I pen you a few lines this evening – would that I were by your side dearest so that I might say what the pen cannot.

Today has been a very busy one for me & a dusty one too. The 92nd left this afternoon on the Lexington Road - & I should have went with it had I not been detailed on General Baird's Staff – I was detailed this morning & have been busy to day [sic] in preparing for the March – I have a Horse & will have a much prettier position. I go on his staff as topographical Engineer & will act as aid-de-camp- &c &c – The Company is left on with my Bro. as Commandant –

Dearest Sadie how much I would liked to have heard from you before going on the march – have not heard

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one word from you since leaving you at Rockford – but if I do not hear – I know that you love me & so I am contented at present but will expect & hope to hear from you soon – will I not Love! I was pained to hear of the death of the gallant ~~a man John a D~~ Col. Daviss [sic] – poor fellow he meet [sic] his fate sooner than we had any of us expected. How many, many more precious lives must be Sacrificed before this accursed Rebellion will have been put down – none but he who knows all things can answer – This is quite a hilly & mountainous Country – It is much more difficult to meet the Enemy & vanquish him here than it would be on the plains of [Mo] , Arkansas – or the more level – regions along the Mississippi – so it needs a greater ~~proportion~~ number of men here against so fewer number of Rebels than it would in the [Stirter] department – however I think we will soon have troops Enough to overwhelm the Rebels – they come in every day

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My Darling how are you getting along are you attending to your music any!

When you write me (which I suppose you have already done) tell me everything of interest fill out a large Sheet & then interline [sic] it & then write upon the margin will you – I will write at every opportunity - & I Shall Expect my Love to do the same – Trusting that you are well & happy I will bid you a Good Night – pleasant dreams &c from Your ever Affectionate Husband
Christ. T. Dunham

To his dear
Wife Sadie

P.S. Darling direct to Covington K.Y. (& for the present time) in care of General Beard.

CTD

Remember me to Mother & Father kiss will you dear

Sunday Morning Oct 19th /62

Dear Sadie. pleasant murning [sic]. Am very well indeed you I suppose go to Church when will I
be home to accompany you! Good Mornng [sic] &c CTD