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Letter from Robert Hanson to Francis P. Porter

Robert Hanson
Camp Crump
Hardin Co., Tennessee
March 26th, 1862

My Frank Porter,

I received your interesting letter this week and take this opportunity to answer the same. George received a letter from you, also one from his Father.

I will say this much for your Brother that he is gaining every day the esteem of his officers and also the esteem of the Regimental officers. He has not nor do I think will be contaminated with the immoral taint with which he is surrounded in his duties he is always first through with his reports and in the duties of which he has many he does them cheerfully and with an eye to the welfare of the men. The men love him. Our Adjutant is sick and I think will resign if he does your Brother.
a 2d Lieutenant, a position that he is very much qualified to fill with honour to himself and Friends. His health is good and has been I believe since he has been in this State. Yesterday we had a review by Gen Lew Wallace of the third division of which our Regt forms a part. I do not think it will be many days before we will march on the enemy who are said to be in large numbers at Corinth, less twenty one miles from here. I think if nothing happens you will in two weeks here of another great fight or another evacuation. From present appearances I think there the war will terminate during the early part of the summer. I expect to take my Fourth of July dinner in old Nauvoo if I live. Brock has been very sick but is getting better. Two men of 61st have died and one of 61st and I know one of 61st is.

Candle light George is busy writing out allotment rolls for Samson. I will finish my letters. This has been a very warm day and it will be a very pleasant evening if I is still unable for duty. He looks very bad. He received a letter from west zoomville it cheer'd him up very much. I feel very sorry for him. I have done the very best for him I can and will do as long as I am able. I feel sorry for him and his family. The morning we landed at Iunalseon our Regt was ordered to fall in and march on double quick to the battle field. Your Brother from his 61st and was as cool and calm as if he was going to a Fourth of July celebration. I do not know what his thought was at that time he was not one that was wishing to take part in it but as he afterward told me he had come here to fight and if he got into it he would do the best he could and leave the result to God as he had committed himself to his care in the morning.
The health of our Regt. is improving.  Our Major is very sick, his right foot is ulcerated. I was in to see him today. It is Tattoo and I must bring my letter to a close. P.S. A. send there love to you. Give my respects to your Father & Mother and also to Miss Anna & Col. tell her I am waiting patiently for an answer to letter I sent her from Fort Henry. I accept my kindest regards.

If convenient please answer.

Your Friend

Rochelle Harrisson
March 26, 1862

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

West Zanesville

Muskingum County

Ohio

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