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## Letter from Robert Hanson to Francis P. Porter

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Camp Crump  
Hardin Co. Tennessee

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1862

Miss 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 I think will <sup>not</sup> be contaminated with the immoral stench with which he is surrounded. In his duties, he is always first through with his reports and in Co. 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



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a 2<sup>d</sup> Lieutenant, a position that he is every way <sup>qualified</sup> ~~at~~ ~~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 Miss twenty six 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 that the war will terminate during the early part of the summer. I expect to take my fourth of July dinner in old Mankins Co. if I live.

Brock says has been very sick but is getting better. Two Men of Co. A has died and one of Co. F and I heard one of Co. B

Cornell Capt George is busy writing out attachment rolls for Samson, I will finish my letters. This has been a very warm day and its now a very pleasant evening. I is still unable for duty, he looks very bad. He received a letter from West Zionsville it cheered 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 Donaldson our Regt. was ordered to fall in and march on double quick to the Battle Field. Your Brother from his Co. and was as cool and calm as if he was going to a Fourth of July celebration. I do not know what his thoughts was at that time he was not one that was wishing to take part in it but as he afterwards 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



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letter to a close George. P. S. A. send  
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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 Keewoy accept  
my kindest regards

If convenient please answer  
Your Friend

Robert Hansons

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Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

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Muskingum County

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If convenient, please answer.

Your friend

Robert Hanson