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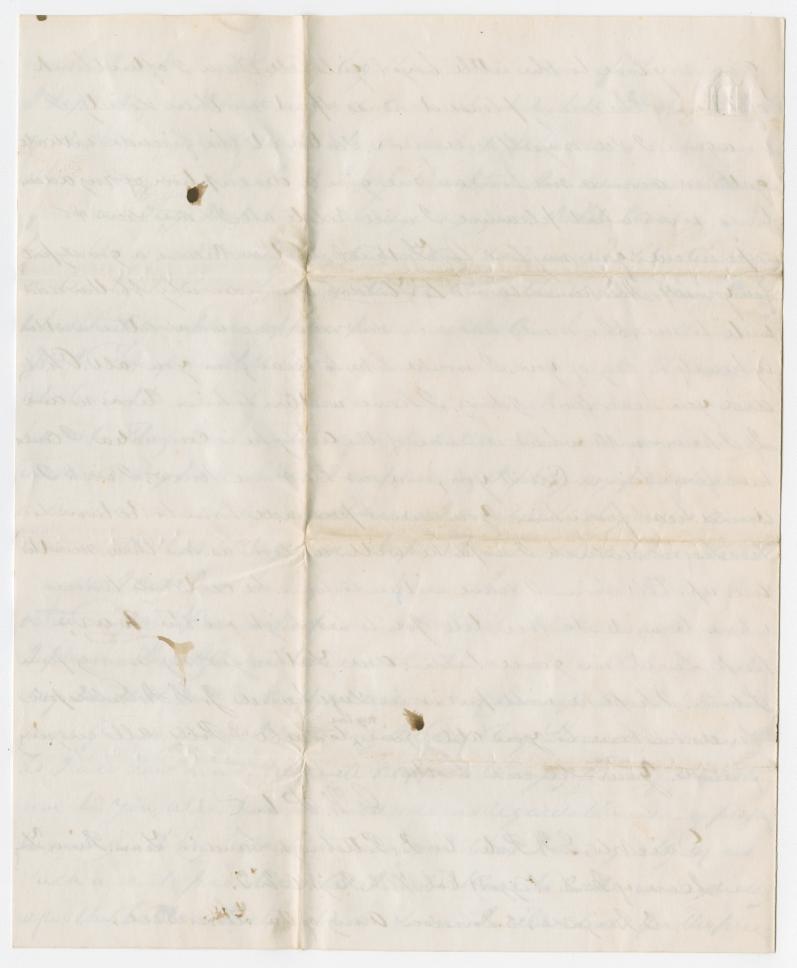
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Camp Leggett, 10 miles South cast of Counte, Jen, May 9 th, 1862, Dear Lister; After a Short delay Which was caused by our moving), I resume my pen for purpose of one more addressing you, a few lines. Telling you of our whereabouts, Frank June I last wrote to you we have had a Rather unfleasent line banging through the mud & Rain, It is not an unusual occurrence for me to travel all day in the Cain of them as night to Lleep in it, notwithstanding all this. thank Soul, I am well I hearty, I have been ever Line I left, one of our boys died last eve, over at the old camp. This makes three out of our Company, Their names and as follows, Andrew Dickson. James Thompson of Nashport. I John Neaver of Pulnam. I find a Lick man Hands a Llin Chance in the army, all I ask is myheatth, I don't fear their bullets, we Llarka from Pelloburgh Landing, or This Plains, East Labbath (5th, Apr.) It was Eawing when we Harled & continued to all night. The Captain of I fixed down our wed where might came of during the might. The Cain came down in Corrents, when I awoke the water was Running much me and down into my boots. I Love husled from there, Whintes I this is more than I bargamed for.)

and I took roast on a log, the remainder of the night, give my love to the little boys & girls, tell them I after think I kept dry as I had a good gum blanket, lett Father I Lake of them. I the many pleasent hours Spent in their Localy. I good core of myself have Stood the hip Lo fair, as well as any unagine I Lee myself once more, Leater at the fireside, withale other man in the Rest. I feel thankful, we are now actachea gathered around me, to hear me give a description of my adour from our Fieight, watching a bridge against Rebel Cavalry, we tures with what pleasure I will relate all I have Leen of have the most lovely Camp you ever Land, we are Lituation in experienced, give my love to Father Hother. Reserve a good porty a beautiful grove. Lowe distance about the Lurrounding County for yourself. Also remember me to Huldah, I wonder why Mother doist. Wherethe atmosphere appears pure & healthy. Our boys are all in fine write to me, The never has even Leur me one word either written Spirits. Tump is Still here, will remain until after the battle by hersely or any of your, I would like to hear from you all, Oh, why at Counth, which will come off Loon, I Luppose we will did you hear from Johney? I have written to him. Reed, no ans, have to Hay here until after the battle. I would as leave go of Threw with what division of the army he is counciled. I could and do my hard there, I Suffrom if I play my fair here is hear from him. Canit you find out I let me know, I wish I will be as much hower as there I am here to obey orders, and Gould hear from him. you must persuade him to Ce him to this is all that is Required. Capir, Chandle has a horse Laddle his Love, which I hope he will, as Loon as his three moulds I bridle. I captured a very fine horse while out on Ticket the are up, tell him I have written to him, he certainly knows other night. Thringer Keeps him for me. I Lake a ride when where to write to me, tell fac, to bet high on the Court, I please, The Aft. unilea me to Lake a rich with him yester- Keep Lovel in good teller, dia Lather ger my money from dog. We did not get off. on account of hismes. I find Thave Tolwin. I hope he will puris in Luge hunds. J. H. Fillispie more friends than I had any Idea of. Esq. Thurand is as healy Levels his love to you all, give, to Bill & Tolly, all enging as I ever Law him. feels well & appears to enjoy hunsely. Lenashis friends. Your Lincere brother, live to you all, you warned me as regards the use of profag language, I be leave to inform you that I am guilty of us Such a dist practice, as I will have to wrote immediately after the batter, which will be Loose, I will close for the present

Direct to J. M. Porter Co. B. Pettsturgh Landing Lenn, River Len Acare of M. D. Leeggets Col. 78th, Reigh. O. 2. 3. 3 Brigade, 3 Division, army of the Lennessee,







May 9, 1862

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Hopewell Muskingum County

Ohio

Camp Leggett, 10 miles southeast of Corinth, Tenn

May 9th, 1862

Dear Sister,

After a short delay (which was caused by our moving), I resume my pen for purpose of once more addressing you a few lines telling you of my whereabouts. Frank, since I last wrote to you, we have had a rather unpleasant time tramping through the mud & rain. It is not unusual occurrence for me to travel all day in the rain & then at night to sleep in it, notwithstanding all this. Thank God, I am well & hearty. I have been ever since I left. One of our boys died last eve. over at the old camp. This makes three out of our company. There names are as follows: Andrew Dickson, James Thompson of Nashport, & John Weaver of Putnam, I find a sick man stands a slim chance in the army. All I ask is my health. I don't fear their bullets.

We started from Pittsburgh Landing or Shiloh Plains last Sabbath (5th Apr). It was raining when we started & continued to all night. The captain and I fixed down our bed when night came and during the night the rain came down in torrents. When I awoke, the water was running under me and down into my boots. I soon hustled from there. (thinks I this is more than I bargained for) and I took roost on a log the remainder of the night. I kept dry as I had a good gum blanket. Tell Father I take good care of myself. Have stood the trip so far as well as any other man in the Regt. I feel thankful. We are now detached from our Brigade watching a bridge against Rebel cavalry. We have the most lovely camp you ever saw.

We are situated in a beautiful grove some distance above the surrounding county where the atmosphere appears pure and healthy. Our boys are all in fine spirits. Sump is still here, will remain until after the battle at Corinth which will come off soon. I suppose we will have to stay here until after the battle. I would as leave go and do my part there. I suppose if I play my part here, it will be much honor as there. I am here to obey orders this is all that is required.

Capn Chandler has a horse, saddle, & bridle. I captured a very fine horse while out on Picket the other night. Springer keeps him for me. I take a ride when I please. The Adjt invited me to take a ride with him. Yesterday he did get off on account of business. I find I have more friends than I had any idea of.

Esq Sherrard is as heavy as I ever saw him, feels well & appears to be enjoying himself. Sends his love to you all. You warned me as regards the use of profane language. I beg leave to inform you that I am guilty of no such dirty practice. As I will have to write immediately after the battle which will be soon, I will close for the present.

Give my love to the little boys & girls and tell them I often think of them & the many pleasant hours that I spent in their society. I imagine I see myself once more, seated at the fireside with all gathered around me to hear me give a description of my adventures. With what pleasure I shall relate all that I have seen & experienced. Give my love to Father & Mother. receive a goodly portion for yourself. Also remember me to Huldah. I wonder why Mother don't write to me. She never has even sent me one word, either written herself or any of you. I would like to hear from you all.

Oh, when did you last hear from Johnny? I have written to him. Recd no ans. If I knew with what division of the Army he is connected, I could hear from him. Can't you find out & let me know. I wish I could hear from him. You must persuade him to return to his home which I hope he will as soon as three months are up. Tell him I have written to him. He certainly knows where to write me. Tell Joe to bet high on the war. Keep Lorrel in good kilter. Did Father get my money from Potwin I hope he will put it in safe hands. J.W.A. Gillespie sends his love to you all. Give my love to Bill & Polly. All enquiring friends. Your sincere brother.

G.W. Porter

Direct to G.W. Porter Co. B Pittsburgh Landing Tennessee River Tennessee

in care of M.D. Leggett Col. 78th Regt O.V.I.

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