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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Camp Leggett, 10 Miles South east of Corinth, Tenn,
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give my love to the little boys & girls, tell them I often think of them, & the many pleasent hours 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 will relate all I have seen & experienced, give my love to Father & Mother, reserve a goodly portion for yourself. Also remember me to Elizabeth. I wonder why Mother don't write to me, she never has even sent me one word, either written by herself or any of you, I would like to hear from you all. Oh, when did you hear from Johney? 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 his three months are up, tell him I have written to him, he certainly knows where to write to me, tell Joe, to be high on the bar, keep Lorel in good better, did Father get my money from Polwin? 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,

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Direct to G. W. Porter Co. B. Pittsburgh Landing Tenn. River Tenn.
care of M. D. Leggett Col. 78th. Regt. O. V. I.
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