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## Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Grania Junction July 8th. 1862.

Dear Sister Frank & Brother John also Willie:

A. H. Search arrived here last eve, bringing glad tidings from home, & <sup>will</sup> endeavor to answer your letters all at once, I thank you kindly for being so prompt in sending my things. I also must agree with your fancy, I think they are better than I would have got. I mean they suit my fancy better. I wish you had sent the shirts, if this should reach you, before Chandler leaves. And you can't get check to suit just suited them, I believe I would rather have them than check. The Collars you sent me are very nice. I don't think I will have any Collars made on my shirt hereafter, just bands. When a person can always look clean I was pleased to hear from you. We have not rec'd. a mail since I got John's other letter, which was about one month ago. We have been itinerally on the go, now we suppose we are settled down for a month or so at least, but we never know when we may be called on to fall into line, and travel. Our Camp is a beautiful one, within a few rods of the Junction. Where there is a neat little Village. This morning we were ordered into line. Ready for action, the news was that the Rebels were near in force. We sent out our Cavalry, and found it all a sham. We are annoyed here by a force of 800 of what are called Jackson's Cavalry, who are not men enough to come out & fight us a fair fight, but they about in ambush & shoot our men when



An opportunity presents itself. Two of our Cavalry Pickets were shot and wounded while our one mile & a half from here a few days since. We were there at the time. This happened in the eve. We were ordered out & remained over night. Co. C. was out also. We arrested all in the neighborhood where our boys were fired upon. They were cleared. There were six of those Enggals horses in a bush. There were only two of our men. They fought them as long as they could, and then returned to camp. I feel more like fighting at this time than ever. I was in bed this morning when we got the news, that we would get a company of those Cavalry. It may be you think we wouldn't go for them. Oh. So you are mistaken. Our Chaplain has gone to Memphis for our mail. Memphis Monday July 9th 1862. Our mail will be here this evening. Now I have a good time perusing letters & (well I will). I feel very grateful to Mede for her present. A Leech came in a few days since & took the bath. Last eve. he came in & was gassing around. he said that he was glad we were repulsed at Richmond. The Col. (that is Leggett). who is commanding in this post. brought him up. he acknowledged it & that he didn't consider it an bath. The Col. sent him to the Cook up telling him if after further investigation he found he had taken the bath & then acted thus. that he would have to stretch him up. I tell you now he looked very sober. He will be tried to day & if convicted, I hope hung.



I have not slept in a tent for about  
two weeks until last night. We have our  
tents up now & I feel at home, once more.  
Not exactly at my Father's house. I fear it  
will be some time before I get to see you all.  
I hope the time will come. I tell you now,  
I will know how to appreciate the comforts  
of home if (as I expect to be) permitted to return.  
If the Captain has not left. When you get this,  
tell him to bring me a good sized hand  
trunk & I will pay him for it, when he  
returns to the Co. And the check shirts  
if you have them. I won't send the others.  
Lent me a very nice knife. I will  
write to him soon. I will answer all your  
letters immediately. I wish I think you had better  
stay at home with Father. It is not likely  
that I can return soon. If I keep my  
health I must see this Cursed Rebellion  
blotted from our once happy land. As  
for you. You are better out of the Service.  
There are plenty able bodied men. I find  
there are not many men can stand  
it with me. I am as hearty as I ever was,  
in all my life. What did the Capt. tell  
you? I would like to know. Give him  
my best respects. as I will have to write



Soon. I will Close. by asking you all to  
Just be as prompt in Ans. as I am, Tell  
all to write. Give my love to one & all,  
also all enquiring friends. I remain as ever  
Your Brother.

G. W. Porter

Delivered to Miss L. M. Paul Co. B., 48th. Regt., 1899.  
Grand Junction Tenn. On Care Col.  
W. D. Leggett, 48th. Regt. I. V. O.

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Miss Frank R. Peters  
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Grand Junction Tenn. In Care Col. M.D. Leggett, 78<sup>th</sup> Regt. OVI