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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

George W. Porter

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Bolivar Tenn. Sept. 8th 1862.

Dear Sister:

I Received your kind & welcome message last evening and as usual was much pleased to hear from home, The dearest place on earth. I was also gratified to learn that you were all well & hearty. This is one of the greatest earthly blessings we enjoy. I am enjoying good health at this time, I hope it will continue so. You also asked the question, whether your letters were interesting or not. Why ask such questions? Are you not a dear Sister? And should I not appreciate your letters? I hope such a thought as this will never for a moment enter your mind. Now if there is anything on earth dear to me, It is my Parents, Brothers, & Sisters, My hope is to be once more permitted to mingle with you as in time past. Your letters would never

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him a brief description of our battle here, this. But I would like to know who this
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(we have learned since) between six & I hear of an old Gentleman paying you
ten thousand, I tell you now we gave a visit, and enquiring particularly about
them quarters, I also wrote to Huldah George, He must have been a very fine old
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bank of the Hatchee, we have a very while, How I would like to see you all
pleasant time of it here, that is as much and hope to loose, well by next Spring
so as we could expect in the army, you a how, you saw Barricks boys, did you
say Mrs. W. Marshall has enlisted, I see the old lady, I would like much to
find a great many are ^{being} enlisted since see her, as there are a number in my
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to hear from you soon, I want
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love to one and all. Write soon,
I remain as ever your affectionate
Brother.

C. W. Potter,

September 8, 1862

Bolivar, Tenn

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You also asked the question whether your letters were interesting or not. Why ask such a question? Are you not a dear sister? And should I not appreciate your letters? I hope that such a thought as this will never _____ enter your mind. For if there is anything on earth dear to me. My hope is to be once more permitted to mingle with you as in times past. Your letters would never grow uninteresting should I receive a dozen a week. I hope you will write often & lengthy letters. I answer all I receive. You spoke of me writing to John. I have answered all letters received from him and will. I wrote to him a few days since and gave him a brief description of our battle here in which about 300 of us repulsed and _____ (we have learned since) between six and ten thousand. I tell you we gave them gloster.

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I hear of an old Gentleman paying you a visit and inquiring particularly about George. He must have been a very fine old Gentleman. I hope he has a daughter. I must find out whether he has or not. I suppose you have some big times. I _____ Lade (?) and Almeda calls on you once in a while. How I would like to see you all and hope to soon. Well by next Spring _____ you saw Barricks boys. Did you see the old Lady? I would like much to see her as there are a _____ in my tent tonight and I have written home twice within the last week. Therefore I will close for the present hoping to hear from you soon. I want you to give me all the news. Give my love to one and all. Write soon. I remain as ever your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter