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Betersburg Hardy County Va. Sun, Evening Dec. 14 # 1862 Dear Frank Freed your letter this week or last rather Dated Dec 1st and was glad to hear from you We are all Well except Cafen Gary who has a son ankle from marching WE Sarled from New Creek the 6H & March here making 46 hules in 21/2 days We arrived here on monday at noon. I slow Ho march very well, I am hearly and well as I can well be I weigh 13 g lbs So you Lee the aring a greed with me, Beat com fletters Fresh Beef & hard chackers mast of the home ME have a contraband who does it up known Cooking. He was a slave and belonger to Col mason of the Kebel army I like Soldering very well. We are East of the alleghany hats . Len Melroy Commando this Divescon the Cheat hat Divescon it is called

Certainly & expected one from you to the Question "Bad you expect one from . Me ?" Have you forgotten the former days and a Stranger that you disturs me 20?. Fam glad you lek Clinton to well ! Then goes the Bugh for Sattoo Sounds like cles Firmes when Old Charley Koker in Hey's used to Sound Reveller & Tallow Sam glad ther are So many ladus in Clenton & gents are rather a scar a article how" The Jule say They will be hom Room" I too would like to see Beo George" How would you like to see me? Urould it you love to Lee me loo? Well Par coming out to see you as soon as Burnsede as Burnsech Males He Rebels & peace is declared or & well send for you for 2 Know you dan not refuse What Day you to Thet? I am glad beorge is produmy I was afrand he would not stand it of the he got sick. I Should like to com out on a furlough & pay you a vis it

When he comes how . " Low Solchers havit any clea towanx was your forends (and Sweet hearts!) are to hear from you" " Les Premember "meda" Is she as levely as usual? I tooulas cather see George make a wife of her than of those "Putnam gals" O' of our of se But I suppose he hashis own releas of the women or gals rather & well chose unto his boson a wefe who Shall be an help meet for him I like her (meda) But I dow! Think George well Ever many her & think she would like to be married auful Back. Frank wouldn't you like to be married awful Ball"too Please ansam by return of mail Well Pardon M for lalking to foolish. I shall Denet you my pholograph as soon is I get it from home I am gral ful to you for your promes to pray for m. Fainglad you are going to send the you Pholograph

I gave your respirito to Cops Gang. Well work to me Sinel my Best Rispirito to George. my respector you hatter mothe How is Huldah & John O. P. My love to ale Monte Loor Duriet your letter to New Creek pro or to This place can of Col M H Ball 122 Righ 0,12, From your Friends Thos Armstroy good night to you Pleasant Dreams! Widow't Rnow when we will Bobon her we are by my here Drelley KC





December 14, 1862

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois

Petersburg Hardy County Va.

Sun Evening Dec. 14th 1862

Dear Frank

Rec'd your letter this week or last rather dated Dec 1st and was glad to hear from you. We are all well except Capn Gary who has a sore ankle from marching. We started from New Creek the 6th & marched here making 46 miles in 2 1/2 days. We arrived here on Monday at noon. I stood the march very well. I am hearty and well as I can be & weigh 159 lbs. So you see the Army agrees with me. I eat corn fritters, fresh beef & hard crackers most of the time.

We have a Contraband who does it up Brown Cooking. He was a slave and belonged to Col Mason of the Rebel Army.

I take soldiering very well. We are east of the Allegheny Mts. Gen. Milroy commands this Division, the Division it is called.

Certainly I expected one from you to the question "Do you expect one from me?" Have you forgotten the former days. Am I a stranger that you distrust me so? I am glad you like Clinton so well. There goes the bugle for Tattoo. Sounds like old times when Charley Roper in the 78th used to sound reveille & Tattoo. I am glad there are so many ladies in Clinton & "gents are a rather scarce article now." The girls say "They would be home soon. "I too would like to see Bro George." How would you like to see me? Wouldn't you love to see me too? Well, I am coming out to see you as soon as Burnside whales the Rebels & peace is declared or I will send for you for I know you dare not refuse. What say you to that?

I am glad George is prospering. I was afraid he would not stand it if he got sick. I should like to come out on a furlough & pay you a visit when he comes home. "You soldiers haven't any idea how anxious your friends (and sweet hearts) are to hear from you." Yes, remember "Meda." Is she a lively as usual. I would rather see George make a wife of her than of those "Putnam gals." But I suppose he has his own ideas of the women or gals rather & will choose unto his bosom a wife who shall be an help need for him.

I like her (Meda), but I don't think George will ever marry her. I think she would like to be married awful bad. Frank, wouldn't you like to be married "awful bad" too? Please answer by return of mail. Well pardon me for talking so foolish. I shall send you my photograph as soon as I get it from home. I am grateful to you for your promise to pray for me. I am glad you are going to send me your photograph.

I gave your respects to Capn Gary. Well, write to me. Send my best respects to your Father & Mother. How is Huldah and John O.P. My love to all. Write soon. Direct your letter to New Creek or to this place, care of Col W.W. Ball, 122 Regt O.V.I.

From your friend,

Thos S. Armstrong

Good night to you. Pleasant dreams. We don't know when we will go from here, we are lying here drilling, etc.