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

George W. Porter

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Head Quarters 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps.

Near Gaylesville Ala. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

My Dear Sister Frank,

Yesterday's mail made me the glad recipient of a kind & welcome letter from you. Being the third letter from you since I left home, not one line have I received from any one of the family except you. I don't know why this is. I wrote to each and every one of you separately, after my return. We expect another mail soon. I think we will remain here two or three days yet. Then we will be off in direction of Blue Mountain. If we can get a fight we will be all right. But this I don't think we will be able to do. I am well & hearty. Billy Kelly is here now. He well and appears in fine spirits. I wrote to you a few days since giving you an account of my capture & escape. Which no doubt will be somewhat interesting. I know Don't Goodrich will take a hearty laugh when he hears this. If he could have seen me. I know he would have



Langha. Quite a number of our officers are  
 leaving here for home. The 21<sup>st</sup> day of next month  
 makes me three years. I hope to be able to  
 get home then. But I have some fears as to  
 whether I will get off or not. The Devil is not  
 going to let me go if he can avoid it. But  
 I am determined and must be down by Jan.  
 or farther. You did just right in reference  
 to the school. Let them know you are not  
 beholden to any of them. The relatives don't  
 amount to much. I see among the list of  
 drafted men of Washington Co. Ohio. are  
 the names of Joseph Porter & Adam Miller.  
 I hope neither of them will be able to procure  
 substitutes. Wouldn't this please me? Think it would.  
 All will & must come right. I am in fine  
 spirits and feeling fine.

Remember me kindly to all friends.

My love to you all.

Write soon and often.

I am as ever your brother.

L. W. Porter.





Miss L. P. Porter

De Witt Co.

Clinton Ill.



October 22, 1864

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, DeWitt Co., Illinois

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Quite a number of our officers are leaving here for home. The 26th day of next month makes me three years. I hope to be able to get home then. But I have some fears as to whether I will get off or not. The Gen'l is not going to let me go if he can avoid it. But I am determined and must be home by Jan at farthest.

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