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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Washington, D.C.
May 19th, 1865

Sister Frank:

This morning finds me in the city of Washington. I must say that I am much disappointed in this being as I expected a fine city. It is the dirtiest place I ever saw. The public buildings are the only fine buildings in the place. The streets are almost impassable on account of trash of different kinds. I couldn't live here. I much prefer the prairie. I will give you all particulars in reference to Washington when I see you. Which I think will be by the middle of next month. Our command will arrive in Alexandria on to-day.
Over in Alexandria the day after we arrived here, which was the 14th Inst. I think we will go over and join our command today. We have a grand review on the 20th. I suppose we will then be mustered out of service and return home immediately.

I could get a good position in the Regular Army. But as you are all so much opposed to this I won't think of it. If it was out for this I think I would try it. I know it would be the best thing I could do. So I would be almost sure of success. But not going somewhere very far away for there are others who offer this as much as you. And I am sure I will come home, and not go into this against all your wills. I wrote to T.S. Don't you think we must get up for the review as in fixing along papers you must not be expected.
from me. But, Don Ken, when I write to one I mean all. I will be very busy for some time until I am out of the service.
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Sister Frank

This morning finds me in Washington. I must say that I am disappointed. Instead of this being as I expected a fine city, it is the dirtiest place I ever saw. The public buildings are the only fine buildings in the place. The streets are almost impassable on account of trash of different all kinds. I wouldn't live here. I much prefer the Prairie. I will give you all particulars in reference to Washington when I see you which I think will be by the middle of next month.

Our command will arrive in Alexandria Va. today. I was over in Alexandria the day after we arrived which was the 14th inst. I think we will go over and join our command today. We have a grand review on the 26th. I suppose then we will be mustered out of service and return home immediately. I could get a good position in the Regular Army but as you are all so opposed to this, I won't think of it. If it was not for this, I think I would try it. I know it would be the best thing I could do. For I would be almost sure of success. But, don't give yourselves any uneasiness for there are others who oppose this as much as you and I am sure I will come home and not go into this against your will.

I wrote to T.S. some time ago but have not heard from him. Col. Wiles & Dolph are both here. We are all well & hearty. I will stop some time in Ohio on my way home. I will write you from there whether Grace will come with me or not. I know she will if I desire it. But I am not fixed as I should be and there is no room in the shanty. I will write you my decision when I reach Zanesville.

I will close for this time. Write soon. Remember me kindly to our friends. My love to you all.

I am as ever, your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter

P.S. As I will be busy in fixing up for the review and in fixing up my papers, you must not all expect letters from me. But consider when I write to one I mean all. I will be very busy for some time until I am out of the service.

George