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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Head Quarters 3rd Div. 17th A. C.

Near Washington D. C.

June 1st 1865.

Sister Frank,

I received your kind letter a few minutes ago and now hasten to reply. I was pleased to learn you were all well and enjoying yourselves so much. I would enjoy being at home on such occasions as you speak of as well as the most of persons. But have been deprived of this glorious privilege for the last three years or more. Thank God the time is near at hand when I may return home once more to mingle with you all around the old hearth stone. I fear you have never thought of this enough to appreciate it. In fact you would have to leave home awhile to fully appreciate the comforts & presence of loved ones there. Oh, Frank many a long lesson have I learned during my three years and a half service. But notwithstanding all this, I feel that I have not only done my duty but have done well. I hope to bring home with me a record that you may all feel proud of, I am sure I can.

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and one besides he will raise 1000\$ apiece. and muster
out here. Buy a lot of government stock. (Mules and
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this. I have attended the sales here. and know just
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have a nice time. I of course rode my row with
the rest. I will close for this time. Billy Kelly
is well & hearty again.

Remember me kindly to all friends.

My love to you all.

I am as ever your affectionate brother.
G. W. Porter.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper, likely bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is mirrored across the center fold.]



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Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

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