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I ruch to drawn & M. John Employers Mead Quarters 3ª Division 17th Anny Carpes, Dister Frank; I again seat myself to pen you a few lines, which I cannot promise to be interesting, Heowever I will As the very best I care to entertain you for a Short time at least, I have not heard from home Since I left, I begin to feel uneasy but will content myself by Thinking I will hear from home next mail, I Suppose you have heard from me since I left, I wrote twice while on my way here. And two or three lines line I arrived, I am determined you Shall never have cause to censure me in this respect. I love to write home. This always a pleasure rather than a last. I hope you will continue to be prompt in writing. I want to hear from home often

Hor nothing affords my more pleasure I see the from fellow playing checkers. than the perusal of a good long Buth his mose, wout this he a good spistle from home, It appears that you Joke on hime, I expect I had not better & Huldah Thought hard of me the boast very much, Etar I know not what evening of the Concert, Stor not going I may have to pass through yet. with you. The buth of the matter is, I I hope never through fireson, If I get had engaged Miss, Lute's Company Through this easy I may be thankful, before I Knew you were going to remain I don't know where we will go from in lown, under Luch , circumstances 2 here, devil deggett is in command of Transly knew what to do, of their offered this Division, We look for Long an bush to give you money to go, haping at the Loon, The Guil, Chinks of going home line That you would not go for I did a few days when Logan returns, I tell not want you to go alone & me with you now we are having a gay him other conepany, But I was elected and here. I don't think deggett will ever what beller could I do, of I did wrong go back to his Brigade, Guil Grant I did it unintentionally, I know you has offered him command of all Thought hard of me I certainly was not the forces along the River from Helena to blame, God Errows I would not hurt aron to Part Hudson, He have not deci either of your feelings (intentionally) for dea whether he will accept this comanything in the world, I wrote to dather mand or not, wherever he goes I am with a few days Lines of told him of Sunes him? found him fust as I expedded being a prisoner. The is in willy prison all right on mor word did he Lay Michmond borgania. I imagine about me Staying as I did, I tell

you now he is a number one man, And in him I find a warm friend, Lave Just brought in my washing. I tell you it is done who Junely. Dane very hearty and enjoying myself finely, I want you to six down and hinte me a long letter and tele me. how all of you are getting along doits write me two or three lines but a good long letter, giving me all the news give Miss Emma my respects, and tell one how she is getting along, I formed a very favorable opinion of her & Border's girls also give them my best wishes, diel all to write John Houldah Mary Mant, Will & Joe & want to hear from all Often, Richery is well & hearty, my respect to his falks . Austs . Samo and all other friends. Pressenter me Privale to This & Ma Hampleman. Mis & Mer Borders and Mrs. & Me yamuno, my love to you all Oremain your affectionate brothe & Low. GM. Porter. Frite Loon?





<u>September 12, 1863</u>

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Dewitt Co. Clinton, Illinois

Head Quarters 3rd Division

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss September 12, 1863

Sister Frank:

I again seat myself to pen you a few lines which I cannot promise to be interesting. However, I will do at the very best I can to entertain you for a short time at least. I have not heard from home since I left. I begin to feel uneasy but will content myself by thinking I will hear from home next mail. I suppose you have heard from me since I left. I wrote twice while on the way here and two or three times since I arrived. I am determined you shall never have cause to censure me in this respect. I love to write home. It is always a pleasure rather than a task. I hope you will continue to be prompt in writing. I want to hear from home often.

For nothing affords me more pleasure than the perusal of a good long epistle from home. It appears that you and Huldah thought hard of me the evening of the concert for not going with you. The truth of the matter is I had engaged Miss Lute's company before I knew you were going to remain in town. Under such circumstances, I hardly knew what to do. I then offered to give you money to go, hoping at the time you would not go for I did not want you to go alone & me with other company. But I was elected and what better could I do. If I did wrong, I did it unintentionally. I knew you thought hard of me. I certainly was not to blame. God knows I would not want to hurt either of your feelings (intentionally) for anything in the world.

I wrote to father a few days since & told him of Sump being a prisoner. He is in Libby prison Richmond, Virginia. I imagine I see the poor fellow playing checkers with his nose. Won't this be a good joke on him. I expect I had not better boast very much. For I know not what I may have to pass through yet. I hope never through prison. If I get through this easy, I may be thankful. I don't know where we will go from here. Gen'l Leggett is in command of this Division. We look for Logan back soon. The Gen'l thinks of going home a few days when Logan returns. I tell you now we are having a gay time here. I don't think Leggett will ever go back to his Brigade. Gen'l Grant has offered him command of all the forces along the River from Helena down to Port Hudson. He has not decided whether he will accept this command or not. Wherever he goes, I am with him just as I expected all right not one word did he say about me staying as I did. I tell you now he is a number one man and in him I find a warm friend.

Dave just brought in my washing. I tell you it is done finely. I am very he	arty and enjoying
myself finely. I want you to sit down and write me a long letter and tell m	e how all of you are
getting along. Don't write me two or three lines but a good letter, giving m	ne all the news. Give
Miss Emma my respects and tell me how she is getting along. I	a very favorable

opinion of her & Border's girls. Also give them my best wishes. Tell all to write. John, Huldah, Mary, Maut(?), Will & Joe. I want to hear from all often. Rickey is well and hearty. My respects to his folks, Gust's, Sam's and all other friends. Remember me kindly to Mrs. and Mr. Hampleman, Mrs. & Mr. Borders, and Mrs. & Mr. Yanuns(?), My love to you all. I remain your affectionate brother & Son

G.W. Porter

Write soon

Father and Mother write soon

Direct to Lieut G.W. Porter Gen'l Leggett Staff Logan Division. Grant's Army.