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

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11th. Co., 1st. Brig. 3d. Div.

17th. Army Corps.

Vicksburg Miss, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1863,

Dear Sisters Frank & Hulda:

Your kind favors were received the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Just as I was starting on an expedition toward Canton this State. A distance from here, sixty (60) miles. I was pleased to hear from home as usual, and to know you were all enjoying good health. Our expedition proved a success. The second day after we left here we met the enemy. But not in very heavy force. Our Brigade being in advance we had the fun of skirmishing with the enemy four or five days. But they would not stand and give us fight.

At one point they took position which we thought they would endeavor



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line, and six Kets were foolish enough  
to all fire upon me at once. But they  
never touched me or my horse.  
They were in the bushes & I did not see  
them until they fired upon me. Just  
then three of our skirmishers came  
up. I told one of them to hold my  
horse. I took his gun & tried hard  
to get a shot at one of them. But did  
not succeed. They got up & left. I run  
a great many narrow escapes. But  
they don't shoot close enough. There  
seems to be an unknown hand which  
protects me. I think the <sup>my</sup> friends at home  
have not forgotten to look to their almighty  
creator in my behalf. There is something  
mysterious in all this which I do not un-  
derstand. We arrived in camp day-  
before yesterday. I found upon my  
return a letter from John which

I will answer immediately. We lost  
but very few men on this trip. The enemy  
force consisted of two Brigades of Cavalry  
& of infantry and (3) two of mounted  
infantry. But they would not fight.  
We burned several <sup>3</sup> Flour Mills which  
they used in furnishing meal for their  
Army in this part of the Country. This  
I think was an important point  
gained. I was pleased to learn that  
Hulda had succeeded in getting  
a school. I hope she will be successful.  
She must study hard & keep every thing  
straight. I expect she will paddle them  
good. I hope you are prospering finely  
in your school. I will close for this time  
as I have to go to town on business. You  
must all write often & long letters.  
My love to you all. I remain as  
ever your affectionate brother  
G. W. Porter.

P. S. Picky is well & hearty. My  
love to all friends.  
G. W. P.





of his line another of his  
dear little pictures. Also one of  
his dear who is here with him.  
Take good care of them

October 22, 1863

Hd Qrs 1st Brig 3d Div

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg Miss Oct 22d 1863

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G.W. Porter

P.S. Rickey is well & hearty. My love to all friends.

George

I will send another of Gen'l Leggett's pictures. Also one of his sons who is here with him. Take good care of them.