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

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Head Quarters 3<sup>d</sup> Division  
17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps.

Vicksburg Miss. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. 1864.

Dear Sister Frank.

Your kind and welcome message of Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1863. was received and perused with much pleasure I assure you, I had not heard from home since John wrote me. Your letter has been on the way a long time. I am sorry to hear of Father's ill health. Tell him not to fret himself about anything. But to just take the world as it comes. and keep in good spirits. John Gillespie. Received a letter from Mrs Sherrard a few days since. which I was asked to peruse. I did so. and it was with an aching heart I assure you. that I traced line after line. She says that while her money lasted she had friends. But now it is gone & she & her letter

she is a forsaken, she says they  
will suffer if some one does something  
for them. She says those who she thought  
to be her very best friends never even  
call to see her. This shows just what  
Adam Miller is. Frank before one  
of my sisters should suffer thus. I  
would sell the last shirt off my back  
and give her the money, what kind of  
a heart has such a man? This is as  
much as I ever expected of Miller.  
This is too awful to think of. Your  
spoke of the album, I wrote you  
and told you to get you a nice  
one, I care not what it costs.  
And am not going to say what  
it shall cost, I want you to have  
a nice one, as nice as any one  
else has. You wished to know the  
name of my correspondent. I will  
tell you. Her name is Miss  
Aronie Calamelle, Tell me what  
you think of this in your next.

I wish you could see her letters.  
And I beam she is a splendid  
young lady. Also beautiful. I look  
for her picture in next mail. She  
graduates next year at Granville  
Ohio. The 18<sup>th</sup> Regt. has enlisted as  
Veterans for three years more. What  
do you think of this? They go home  
as a Regt. soon as possible. They  
get a leave of absence in their own  
State for thirty days & \$500 bounty.  
The officers will be held from  
the dates of their last commissions.  
This elects me for two years from  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. last, if the  
Regt. goes home I may go with it.  
But don't flatter yourself with my  
coming until you see me. For if  
we are going into active service  
before the Regt. returns, I will  
remain here. This is the part I  
came into the Army to see. I  
have already seen a good deal of service.

I suppose when Uncle William  
writes he never mention my name,  
Well they all care just as much  
for me as I do for them at least.  
I hear from S. S. from Jacob. he &  
I correspond. Give S. S. my Com-  
pliments & tell him he is not  
forgotton. I hope to meet him  
some day. As it is late I will  
close. My love to you all,  
My kindest regards to all  
friends, hoping to hear from  
you all very soon. I am your  
affectionate brother,  
C. W. Porter,



Miss F. P. Porter  
Clinton  
Ills,  
P.O.)



January 19, 1864

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Head Quarters 3rd Division

17th Army Corps

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G.W. Porter