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Mead Quarters 20 Division 17th Amy Corps. Dear Lister Frank, your kina and welcome mesage of Dec. 2714. 1863. was received and pensea with much pleasure I assure you, I had not heard from home dince John wrote me, you letter has been on The way a long line. I am Long to head of Father's ell health. Sell him nor to fur himsely about anything. Barto Just take the world as it comes, And Sup in gova spirito. John Sillespice. Received a letter from mis Therrard a few days Since. In hich I was asked to peruse, I dia to and it was with an acheing heart & assure you that I Truced line after line. The Laysthad while her money lasted The had friends But now it is gone of The & her letter

, Chicaren forsation, The Largo They will Luffer if Lome one derik do Lowething for Them, She Lacp those who she though to be her very best friends never even Call to Lec her. This Showed fust what Adam Moller is. Frank before one of my Listers Thouca Suffer Thus, ? would Lele The last Short off implach and give her the money, behar kind g a heart has such a man, This is as much as I ever expected of Miller, This is too awful to think of. you Spoke of the Alberra, I wrote you and tota you to get you a mice one, I care not what it costs. And an not going to day what in Thate coar, I want you to have a nice on, the nice as any on else hab, you wished to Enow the name of my correspondent. Jaile Ell you. Her name is albefs Armie Calawell, Sell me what you think of this in your next.

I wish you could see her letters, And I learn The is a Splendia young laay. also beautiful . I look for her picture in next nearly the graduates next year, at Granvela Ohio. The White Hegt has enlisted as beterans for three years more, what do you think of this? They go home as a Tigh, Loon as possible. They get a leave of absence in their own State for thirty days & 4 50% bound The officers will be held from The dates of this last commission This elects me for two years from The The day of Lefir. last, of the Reegh goes home I may go with it , Bar don't flatter yourself with m Coming andi'l you see me, For if he are going into active Service before the Regt. actures, I will Remain here. This is the part of Came into the any too see. P have already Leen a good deal vale

I Luppose when Encle William writes he never mintion my name. Hall They all care Just as much for me as I do for them at least I hear from I. d. from Bacob. he & I correspond. Cine J. J. my Com plimento & lele him he is not pargotton, I hole to meet him Low day, As it is late I will close. my love to you all, my kinder Regards to all flinds, hoping to hear from you all very Loon . I am Join affectionate brother, C. M. Porter,

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January 19, 1864

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Head Quarters 3rd Division

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss. Jan 19th, 1864

Dear Sister Frank,

Your kind and welcome message of December 27th, 1863 was received and perused with much pleasure. I assure you I have not heard from home since John wrote me. You letter has been on the way a long time. I am sorry to hear of Father's ill health. Tell him not to fret about anything but just to 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 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 little child are forsaken. She says they will suffer if someone doesn't do 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 heart has such a man. This is as much as I ever expected of Miller. This is too awful to think of. You spoke of the Albums. I wrote you and told you to get a nice one. I care not what it costs and am not going to say what it should cost. I want you to have a nice one, as nice as anyone else has. You wished to know the name of my correspondent. I will tell you. Her name is Miss Hanie Caldwell. Tell me what you think of this in your next.

I wish you could see her letters and I ______ she is a splendid young lady. Also beautiful. I look for her picture in the next mail. She graduates next year at Granville, Ohio. The 78th Reg't has enlisted as veterans for three more years. What do you think of this? They go home as a Reg't soon as possible, They get a leave of absence in their own state for thirty days & 450\$ bounty. The officers will be held from the dates of their last commission. This elects me for two years from the 7th day of Sep't last. If the Reg't 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 Reg't returns, I will remain here. This is the part I came into the army to see. I have already seen a good deal I assure you.

I suppose when Uncle William writes he never mentions my name. Well they all can just as much for me as I do for them at least. I hear from T.S. from _____ a cab. He and I correspond. Give T.S. my compliments & tell him he is not forgotten. I hope to meet him some day. It is late and I will close. My love to you all. My kindest regards to all friends, hoping to hear from you all soon. I am your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter