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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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January 20th, 1864.
Sister Frank.

This is a beautiful morning. And as the mail has not gone yet. I concluded to pen you a few lines more. I Quararua. all nature looks gay. My first thoughts were of home & the dear ones there. I often wonder if I will ever be permitted to remain at home & mingle with you, around the "old fireside" as in days gone by. Those were happy days to me. But alas! what a change. I am now a long ways from home. And in the Army fighting for our beloved Country. I couldn't be in better business. I go to breakfast. Breakfast is over. I will finish my note and then to business. I would have enjoyed ~~me~~ Christmas I assure you.

But of course could not be there,
I had as nice a time here as could
be expected. Christmas eve I was at
quite a nice little dance, had a fine
supper, took dinner with a good Union
family on Christmas day. The place
where we had the dance. I enjoyed
myself very well considering everything
I called on a beautiful young lady
last evening. and spent quite a pleas-
ant evening. The ladies here all tell
me that I look exactly like Guile,
Logan. This flatters me much. I have
some "gay times" In fact there are
some very interesting ladies here,
one of our clerks was married
here one day last week, quite a
number have married here. I think
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love to all.

I am your affectionate
brother

C. W. Pater.

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