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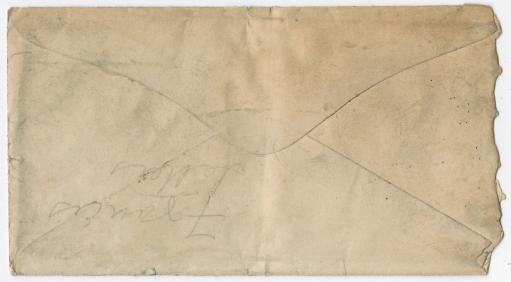
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January 29, 1864

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Head Quarters 3d Division

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss January 29, 1864

Dear Sister Frank,

Your kind letter bearing date Jan 17th is now before me and I hasten to reply. I am glad to hear that Father is well as usual for I was very uneasy about him. I hope his health will continue good. This is one of the greatest blessings that man is permitted to enjoy upon earth. We have not got off on our expedition yet, but are expecting orders every hour. I have written home two or three times this week. I expect you will get tired reading letters from me. In fact, I have nothing of interest to write. It pleases me to know that you are enjoying yourselves so finely. Wouldn't I enjoy sleighing? I rather guess I would. It appears that you like Ills. better than when I saw you. I like it very well. But don't know where I will settle after the war is over. I may come south. I wish I could see you and talk to you face to face again. This is a much more pleasant climate than that of the North and I think this will be the place for obtaining health. I don't mean here at Vicksburg but throughout the South.

If I had 10,000\$ to start on, I could in two years time (commencing now) be independently rich, just raising cotton. I am watching these things very closely. I expect that when the town folks come out, you have a gay time. I wish I could meet them there. Tell them if I can't be with them, my best wishes are and that I hope to meet them all some day. I reckon that Josy thinks there is nothing like Dash & his ducks. Tell him to be a good boy and study hard. Will also. I think you "old maids" are to be ______. Oh how I would hate to be one. But there is nothing like contentment.

I don't know whether I will get home next spring or not. Don't flatter yourselves with my coming until you see me and then you will be sure and not disappointed. I have not had but one letter from Riley since he left here and that was some time ago. I expect old John will get married and likely the sooner the better. He don't amount to much. I would enjoy your dinner I assure you. But can't be there this time, will call at some other time.

That spiritual circle turned out as I thought. Poor Brother Jones. How I pity him. His way to heaven is broken up. I suppose the man is last before a redemption. I don't _____ much of men who volunteer at this late day. The 26th day of next Nov will be three years from me. If I live, time passes swiftly by.

This morning when I arose the sky was covered with clouds and we had the appearance of rain. But the sky is now clear and the sun shining forth in all her beauty and it is comfortable without

a coat. This is beautiful weather. It reminds me of spring. We have been having this kind of weather for about three weeks. The nicest weather in the world for horseback riding. I took a ride with a fair damsel a few evenings ago. Spent a very pleasant time. Those who know her say she is the most beautiful lady in Vicksburg. This is saying a good deal for there are many fine looking ladies here from the North at this time. And so you see your brother can get along with "any other man."

Give my love to one and all, reserving a goodly portion for yourself. Remember me kindly to Col. Kelly's family and all friends. I close hoping to hear from you soon & often. I am ever your affectionate brother,

G.W. Porter

Surgeon Goodbrake is well and in fine spirits. I like him so much.

George

When you write, always tell me how his family is.

George