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Letter from George W. Porter to Francis P. Porter

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Head Quarters

3^d Division

17th Army Corps

Cairo Ills.

May 3^d 1867.

Sister Frank,

This beautiful evening I resume my pen to address you once more. My letter cannot interest you much. Had I have no news of importance to write. ~~From~~ the appearance of the weather here I judge you are having delightful weather. This I know you will enjoy. Had the weather has been so inclement that it was almost impossible for one to get about at all. Notwithstanding all this my visit at home was a very pleasant one I assure you. There is no place like home for me, and when this "Cruel war" is over, I hope to be spared to return to the arms of the loved ones there. This will

be a joyful day to the good Soldier, who
has done his duty nobly. Sister don't you
think he will feel better than the man,
who remains at home, and does not offer
his service to his country? Had I done
thus, I don't think that I would have been
able to look a Soldier in the face. The man
who hasn't the courage to defend his country
has not a right to live in the country
that gave him birth. As I have often
said, This government made me what
I am. I love it dearer than my own life.
and now in its time of peril, can I
forsake it? Never! Never! I think thus
far. I have done my duty as a true
Soldier, and shall ever endeavor to do
so. Capt. Jewett went home to day to get
married. He was very anxious that I
should accompany him. But I thought
it would hardly pay. I would like very
well to go to Putnam. The Genl. offered
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married. But I thought it best to wait

until I could come home to day, what
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But I expect I done right by putting it
off until the war is over. But if I come
home again I think I will fix it up
and settle down. I thought of talking
with Father & Mother upon this subject.
But did not. What do you think they
would say? I am satisfied that Grace is
too good for me (or any other young man)
and what more could I ask? And I
think that she is at least, as good looking
as Lome, or I will ever go as far as to say
any of our friends ladies. I hinted all
this to Mother & Father, but don't know
whether they understood me or not.
How would this please you? Tell me all
about it when you write, which I hope
will be immediately. Tell Mr Kelly's
folks that Poley is getting along finely,
I will close for the present, but sure

To hear from you soon. I am your
affectionate brother.

C. W. Porter,

P. S. I wrote to Father & John since my
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Miss F. P. Porter

Clinton

Illinois,

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George