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

George W. Porter

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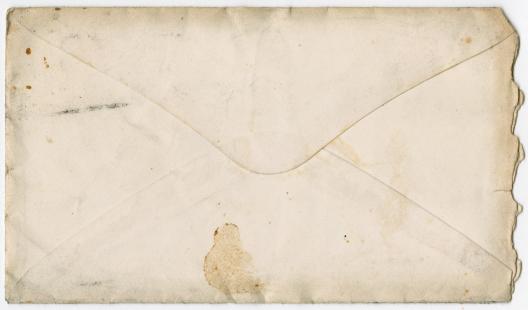
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Head Inarlers 3ª Devision IT the Army boups. Cairo Ills, May 3. 1864. Jester Frank. This beautiful louing I resume my per to address you once more, my letter cannat interest you much. For I have no news of in fortance to write. Irong he appearance of the weather here. I Judge you are having delightful weather. This I know you will enfoy. For the weather has been to inclement. That it was almost impossible for one Is get about at all, Motor thstanding all This my neit 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 sparce to return to the arms of the loved ones there, This will

be a forfal day to The prov Soldier, who mulil I could came how to shay, what has done his duty noth. Sister don't you do you think about it I have alreast think he will feel better Than the man, wished Since my return, That I had Who remains at home, and does not offer gar married while at home this line. his service to his country! Had I done But I expect I done right by pullingit Thus, I don't think that I would have been of until the was is over, But if I come able to look a Loldier in the face. The man home again I think I will fix Arup who hasn't the courage to defend his gount, and lettle down, I thought of Lathing has not a right to live in the country with Father & Molher upon this Julfect. that gave him birth, Is I have often But did not. What do you chink they Laid, This government made me what would say? I am Salisfic that Grace is I am, I love it dearer Than my own life too good for me for any other young man and now in taking firil, can's and what more could I ash, and I forsahe it . Never ! Mened ! I think thus think that the is at least, as good boking far. I have done my duty as a live as some, or I will ever go as far as to day Soldier, and shall ever endeavor to do any of our friends ladies, I hinter all Lo, Capt. Jewett went home to day to get this to Mother & Father, But don't know manied. He was very anxious that I whether they understood me at real, Thould accompany him. But I thought How would this please you? Yell me all it would hardly fray. I would like very about it when you write, which I hape will to go to Putnam, "The seil. Office will be immediately, "ele Moo Kelley's are a leave of absence if I would get folks That Ticky is getting along finely, nearing. But I thought it best to wait I will close for the present hating

to hear from you loon. I and your affectionate brother. G.W. Porter, P. J. I wrote to Father & gahi Lince my arrival here. I also bought me a very me house, I was afferred 23 \$ for my bargain, thouly after I got him. In fact I have been offever this by Leveral, I walne him at 150%, wouldn't sell him at that, I am well mounted at this time, I want to hear from you all down, my Respects to all friends, my love to goi ald, G.W. Porter, Fill Jahra to remain at Goodbally and go to School until & can get him a place, They would not like is if he worked go house to board, I will get have a blace of possible Doits in all Euroc 1

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May 3, 1864

Addressed to Miss Frank P. Porter

Clinton, Dewitt County, Illinois

Head Quarters

3d Division

17 Army Corps

Cairo Ills

May 3d, 1864

Sister Frank

This beautiful evening I resume my pen to address you once more. My letter cannot interest you much for 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. For 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 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 poor soldier who has done his duty nobly. Sister, don't you think that 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 that gave him birth as I have often said. This government made what I am. I love it dearer than my own life and now in this time of peril can I forsake it. Never! Never! I think thus far I have done my duty as a true soldier and shall endeavor to do so. Capt Jewett went home today 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 Gen'l offered me a leave of absence if I would get married, but I thought it best to wait until I could come home to stay. What do you think about it? I have almost wished since my return that I had got married while at home this time. 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. 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 some, or I will even go as far to say any of my 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 Riley is getting along finely. I will close for the moment, hoping to hear from you soon. I am your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter

P.S. I wrote to Father & John since my arrival here. I also bought me a very nice horse. I was offered 25\$ for my bargain shortly after I got him. In fact I have been offered this by several. I value him at 150\$, wouldn't sell him at that. I am well mounted at this time and want to hear from you all soon. My respects to all friends. My love to you all.

G.W. Porter

Tell John to remain at Goodbrakes and go to school until I can get him a place. They would not like it if he would go home to board. I will get him a place if possible. \_\_\_\_\_ is well.

George