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Letter from George W. Porter to R.R. Towns

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In the field at Big Black 6th May 1863

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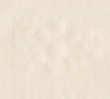
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Your Obedt Servt

Geo W. Porter, 1st Lieut
Co. "B." 78th O.V.I. 2nd

A. A. D. C. 2nd Brig.



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