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Had, Las, 1st Beig. 30 Dinson 17th. Anny Corps. Vicksburg Mil; Och 28th, 1863, Dear Sister Frank; I'again resume my fund to acknowledge the receipt of another Kind letter from you, which was peried with much pleasure & interest & assure you. But I day I think you might spare the time to write to me oflever Than you do, It is now going on from four months fine I left home and I have received only two letters from you, Something Strange certainly has hapfened, For you Lay you lette teaching. I am pleased to know you are so well Latified, I think myself that Richy Blighted Mollie, and I am Lory of it for she is an angel by the Side of Sallie Sallie is good company, and when This is Lair all is Lair. But Mollie

do you man by this? I confels ? Illink a perfect lady in every par = ticular, ana Just as good company don't perfectly understand you, Please as any one need wish to meet with, explain this in your next, I expect the teachers of Good School, have a gay I think your associates are of The best clap, I am pleased to know, I found time, I would like to meet you all Juinas in Clinton, For I was there again & hupe to. But no one knowes such a short line. I hardly had line to what the future may bring forth, all form acquaintences of those I desired, I have to Say in refference to your shoot I hope my circle of friends vil increase is that I wish you all the Lucceps in he thar vicinity, As for Mils Phases, I agentable, you certainly are kept busy, have learned Since my return what 8/ Scholars is gaite a School, I would She is thought of There, Ibad I known like much to call & Lee you, But I Mun what I ar now. I would not have quep it is impossible at present, I expent none as 2 aia, Bur it is too late to mollie makes the chaps Land around; numa The matter now. And let it go dele her to not four fuch a habit, for what is will felch, I wish mollie That to whip more and Leola left, For and Som of the Rest of my Special fring you wowen are great for leolding, Anderstood This, I don't wish to be porner generally are et feel sorry Censured for that I am invoceed of. for Smup, I know he must tire nearly you say you can look out of number to death. There in a lonely preson, one el ampleased to know this) and I hould like to write him. But I that you don's ask any one to Lakeryon Sucar I diste the idea of ony letters that has played out with your behat having to be suspected by a lety,

believe you write him. give him my mides regards and Lele him I would much like to see him, and also to hearfrom him. I went to him Cast, as I have written so often or late I will close. my low to you all, They best wishes & Regards Lo Mollie & albernie. Muco please Runninger one Irmay to ball. Thelego folks also all other friends, write Love And believe me ever four affection: ate Broth! GM Parter,





October 28, 1863

Addressed to Miss F.P. Porter

Clinton, Illinois

Hd Qrs 1st Brig 3d Division

17th Army Corps

Vicksburg, Miss Oct 28th 1863,

Dear Sister Frank,

I again resume my pen to acknowledge the receipt of another kind letter from you which was perused with much pleasure & interest I assure you. But, I say, I think you might spare the time to write me oftener than you do. It is now going on four months since I left home and I have received only 2 letters from you. Something strange certainly has happened.

For you say you like teaching. I am pleased to know you are so well satisfied. I think myself that Rickey, ______, Mollie and I am sorry of it, for she is an angel by the side of Sallie. Sallie is in good company and when this is said, all is said. But Mollie I think is a perfect lady in every particular and just as good company as anyone need wish to meet with. I think your associates are of the best class. I am pleased to know I have found friends in Clinton. For I was there such a short time I hardly had time to form acquaintances of those I desired.

I hope my circle of friends will increase in that vicinity. As for Miss Phares, I have learned since my return what she is thought of there. Had I known then what I do now, I would not have done as I did. But it is too late to mend the matter now and let it go for what it will fetch. I wish Mollie and some of the rest of my special friends understood this. I don't want to be censured for that I am innocent of.

You say you can look out of number one. I am pleased to know this and that you don't ask anyone to take you. That has played out with you. What do you mean by this? I confess I don't perfectly understand you. Please explain this in your next. I expect the teacher of your school have a gay time. I would like to meet you all again & hope to. But no one knows what the future might bring forth. All I have to say in reference to your school is that I wish you all the success imaginable.

You certainly are busy. 89 scholars is quite a school. I would like much to call & see you. But I guess it is impossible at present. I expect Mollie makes the chaps stand around. Tell her to not form such a habit but to _____ more and scold us. For you women are great for scolding. Women generally are.

I feel sorry for Sump. I know he must tire nearly to death. There in a lonely prison. I would like to write him, but I mean I can hate the idea of my letters being inspected by a "Reb."

When you write him, give him my kindest regards and tell him I should much like to see him and also to hear from him. I wrote to him last. As I have written so often of late I will close. My love to you all. My best wishes and regards to Mollie and Minnie. Also please remember me kindly to Col Kelly's folks Also all other friends. Write soon and believe me your affectionate brother.

G.W. Porter