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Letter from John W.A. Gillespie to Francis P. Porter and Huldah Porter

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Camp, near Pittsburgh Landing,
Saturday night April 26th/62

Frank & Suedah,

Much esteemed friends,

I came into Capt Chaudler's tent a few moments since, and found George, writing a letter home, and now I will add a few lines, hoping that they will be kindly received, and find you all in the enjoyment of good health, & George will doubtless give you the Camp News, I shall confine my short note to something else. Many times, when enduring hardships, and suffering from exposure, incident to Camp life, my mind flies back to the haunts of my youth, and more mature years, and to the many associations connected therewith. Among the friends, of whom, I love to think, you two, are conspicuous. Many hours have been spent with you both, in pleasant, friendly social chat, that to me, can never be forgotten. I think of you very often, and as often wonder what Sis, and Suedah, are doing, and how they are enjoying themselves. George and I get together every opportunity, and talk over old times, the talk of our homes, and our friends, of our hopes, and desires, of our

future prospects, and welfare, and of
the dear friends left behind. In fact we
talk of every thing, and about every body,
and their wives, by so doing we, make our
spare hours from duty, pass pleasantly away,
more so, at least, than they could otherwise do
in this wooden Country. I presume that
George is somewhat delicate about saying any
thing for himself, so I shall, without his knowl-
edge, inform you, that he has gained friends
every day since the 78th Regt- was organized.
He is active and prompt, whenever, and
wherever, duty calls him, and by so doing
he has won the admiration of the whole
regiment, during the battle of the 7th inst-
he was at his post, during the entire day,
and acted with a coolness, and a firmness,
that would do credit to any man.

I do not tell you the above, because he is your
brother, but simply to do justice to a good,
and brave hearted boy. He is now 2nd
Lieut. of Co. B, and I can assure that his promo-
tion, is a very satisfactory one, to the Company
as well as to the entire regiment. He ought
to have had a commission long ago.

Girls, I must write a letter to my friend
Bettie, ^(to) night, and will close, by promising
to write you a long letter, if you will answer
this. Give my best wishes to your Mother, Brothers & Sisters
also to Mrs. Freize's family, and to any one else ^{your sincere friend,}
you please, will brother J. W. A. Gillespie

Maryland
May 27



Miss Frank Porter
Hopewell Musking
-um Co. Ohio



April 26, 1862

Addressed to Miss Frank Porter

Hopewell

Muskingum County

Ohio

Camp, near Pittsburgh Landing

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Also to Wm _____ family and to any one else you please. Your sincere friend and well
wisher

J.W.A. Gillespie