

Hd Qrs
3rd Brigade
September 19th

Dear Father

On the 15th inst I was detailed at these HdQrs as Aide de Camp. Since then our Brigade has moved away from the main line of the works and lies by itself three or four miles south of its old position. I have also been appointed Judge Advocate of a Courts Martial and am very much pressed for time. Col Smyth still commands the Division, but my appointment as a staff officer, was made by his direction and I have every reason to believe that it will be a permanent detail. If I find that I am retained here I shall want a private horse and wish that you would send me at once a check or draft for (\$150) one hundred and fifty dollars.

I was never in better health and my leg is perfectly sound. Mary enclosing comb recd, much obliged.
Shall write at length tomorrow.¹

Affectionately your son
Sam Porter
Capt Commdg F & G Co 108
A Aide De Camp 3rd Brigade & Judge Advocate

Direct as before
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Endnotes:

¹ Col. Thomas Alfred Smyth commanded the 2nd Div. 2nd Corps in the absence of Gen. John Gibbon.
Mary was his older sister.