

Hd Qrs 108<sup>th</sup> N.Y.V  
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Dear Father

It is so long since I have written to any of the family that I am almost ashamed to commence now, but better late than never is an old motto, and I hope that in this case you will not be inclined to deny its truth. All my efforts to write have of late been very unsuccessful owing to the great amount of duty imposed upon this Regiment, and especially the officers; but if the weather should become pleasant so that our tent is inhabitable I shall endeavor hereafter to be more regularly. All your letters enclosing money have been duly received, and came very opportunely. The paymaster still keeps away and I wish when Kavanaugh or any other member of the Regiment is about to return you would send \$25 by him.

Active operations seem no nearer than a month ago. The time must come however when we will move and then money will be indispensable as you cannot then live on tick. I received a letter from Mary last night and a long one from Mother the night before. I am very glad to hear that Farley is better and hope he will recover his usual health. His Spring vacation will soon come round & then I wish you would let him come down here and visit the army for a few days. The change of air would benefit him and he would have the chance of seeing a grand army. If you will let him come I will bear all the expense and be glad to. Such another chance he may never have and I think seriously that you or he would never regret it.

Please excuse the looks of this letter as I write it in a great hurry in order to send it by Lt K who will take my best coat also. Please let F come and in addition to all other reasons I should like very much to see him.<sup>1</sup>

Your affect son

Saml Porter

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Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Mary Elizabeth Porter was his older sister and Farley Porter was his younger brother.  
Patrick C. Kavanaugh was 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Co. K, 108<sup>th</sup> NY.