

1869

" Camp Pitcher near Falmouth Vt June

Dear Mother

I received your letter the thirteenth, and I was very glad to hear from you, and Maria. I was on Peckett. The day I got it, but I am in camp now. Our Brigade went on Peckett last Sunday morning, and we were relieved on Wednesday. We had a very pleasant time. There was nothing transpired of any account. Our Right unit the fourth, were on the ground reserve.

well Mother how do you get along. I suppose you are still at work on shoes. I suppose you would not be contented, unless

you was not work, was I wish as
you could, how Mother you must
not work so hard, I can imagine
I see you, to work when she was young,
I wish I could be where I could
realize my imagination, I know
Mother, it is hard for you, to find
no all away from home, but don't
give up, but if you ever, I live in
hopes, that we shall all meet at
home once more, if we do, I shall
be content for me, to stay there, at
least I don't think I should expect
in a hour, that we cannot last
much longer, in my opinion, if it
does, there will be a civil war in
the northern states yet,

well Mother
I guess I will close this letter, I
have got no news to write this time,
I send my love to you and Annie
from your son W. Morris

by the way, I saw John, Chaubun
last week, he is in the 19th Regt.
he is rather lame, he thinks
it is different than he did when
he left home, that is the way
with the med regts, James
Fellow, and a young man by the
name of Lowell, we both go the
17th Regt. Lowell says he is a
cousin to me, but I did not
know him, I forget what his
~~name~~ given name is,
I will now close by saying,

your good night

How write soon

Camp Pitcher(?) near Falmouth(?) Va(?) (---)

Dear Mother

I received youre letter last night,,
I was very glad to here from you to know that you and Maria
wer well,, my health is very good,, the weather has been
very stormy for the last few days,, but it has cleared off
today,, we had about five inches of snow, but it has all melted
away,, the traveling is very poor,, on account of the mud,,
I think we shall not move for some time yet,, I wrote to
Henry last week. but I hardly expect to get an answer,,
but I hope I may,, I think if he is in Memphis I shall here from
him,, I cant see why you dont here from Father. I think there
must be some trouble with the mailes,, but you must not give
up yet, I think he will come out all right yet.
I shall be glad when this war is over,, and I think it must
close by next June,, for ther is about 400,000 troops that
there time will be out, and they cant rais another army,, the
people wont stand it,,
well Mother you must keep up good courage,, and look on the
bright side,, and it will all come out right,, I hav got no
news to write this time,, Tell mr Frost folks that John is well,,
I will now close by sending my love to you and Maria

from
Youre Son

ARMorrison

write soon

1868

Camp Pitcher Va Feb 18th

Dear Mother

your letter of the 6th
was received last night, and I was very
glad to hear from you, to know that you
were well, my health is very good at the
present time, and I am getting along
very well, you enquired if we had
any Chaplains in our Regt., I believe
there is one connected with the Regt. but
he is not with us at present, —
it seems strange to me, that we
do not hear from Father or Henry,
I should think they would write,
if it was a possible thing, I think
they must have written, but the
letters, have been mis-carried, it
cant be that they have forgotten
their old home, I think it will

come out all right yet, only keep up
good courage. I believe you will see
us all, before many months,
well nether. I have got no news to
write this time, every thing is quiet.

So I will draw this to a close
Sending my love to you and Maria
from

your
Sons

C. B. Morris

He is with soon

1868

" Camp # of 3^d Me Vols Va March 8th

Dear Mother

I received your letter last Friday evening, I was very glad to here from you, to know that your health was good, my health is very good at present, we have just moved, and I am building me a log house, or I should have written to you before, I received a letter from Henry, the same night, that I get yours, he is still in Memphis, but did not write what he was doing, he said he was just getting well of the small pox, he said he had written you several letters, but had received no answer, and that he had written me quite a number, but I have not received them, I suppose they must have been misdirected, well mother how do you get along, I suppose you are at work as hard as ever, I calculate to send you some money, as soon as I get paid off, you ask me if I have a hard time, I do not have such a hard time, but the idea of fighting for nigger is what galls me, you ask me about the deserters, we had five desert last January, from our company, I will give you three

names. James A. Later., Melford Brown, Frank Noald
Jonas Taylor, Durin. Bunker., but keep it quiet.
well Mother I have no news to write this time
from your son

A. R. Morris

please write

soon

1869

Mar 21

Camp near Potomac Creek Va.

Dear Mother

I received your letter last evening, I was very glad to hear from you, to hear that your health was good, my health is first rate, and I get along nicely. I had got my leg housed, so that it is very comfortable, that Bot that you & Mrs. Frost sent to us, arrived all right, there was not a thing hurt, I can tell you, that it was quite a treat, it made me think of home, but never mind, I hope I shall be there, one of these days, that was cannot last always, I am glad you received Henry's letter, it seems that he is getting along, very well

I should think, that his Wife, had
got rather a nervous nune. I think
it strange, that he does not come
home, but I suppose he knows his
own business best, well Mother
how do you get along, this winter,
how you get your wood, get, I
suppose it cools more this winter
then it did last, I understand
that most every thing ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~more~~
has risen, since last winter,
every thing that we buy out here, we
had to pay, four times as much
as it is worth.

I was surpris'd to here of, Lowell
death, I had not seen him for about
six weeks. I thought it strange
for he was in the same Division
that I am, but not in the same
Regiment, how did you here of his
death. I should thought that he
would have sent for me, if he was

in the Regt, when he was sick,
perhaps he was sent to the Hospital,
well Mother I cannot think
of any more this time so
good by for the present,

Send my love to you & Mrs

Your Son

A. R. Morrison

Please write soon

1868

April 8th

.. Camp near Totman Creek Va

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 27th was received last evening, and I was very glad to hear from you & Maria.

I was sorry to hear that you had a bad cold, but I hope you get over it soon. My health is very good, and I am getting along very well. I have not heard from Henry, since I wrote to you last, but I expect a letter this week. I can't see why you don't hear from Father, but I am in hopes it will come out all right yet.

Simeon Savage, has been out here to see Brooks, he only stayed three days, he went back last Tuesday morning.

The weather is very fine, the road

has about all died up, and it
has the appearance of fair weather.

I am glad you have got your
wood for this summer, but I am
in hopes to be at home, so that I
can cut your wood for the next
summer. I think this war will
close within a year, if we cannot
conquer them this year, I think we
had better give them what they ask
and let them go, but it is hard
to tell how it will come out.

well Mother I have got no news
to write this time, so I will
close by sending you & mine
my love

from your son

W. E. Morris

pleas write soon

Camp of the 3d Maine Vols Ap 14th 1863

Dear Mother

I received your letter last night,,
I was very glad to here from you, to know that your health
was good,, my health is very good at present,, and I get
along first rate,, we are agoing on (---kett) tomorrow
morning for three days, I had rather do it,, then to stay
in camp,,

I am glad that you got a letter from Henry,, it
seems that he is agoing to stop a while longer in Memphis,,
I suppose he has got some property, there that he cannot
sell yet,, I should think that he would prefer to come home,,
rather then to stop there,, but I su-pose he knows his own
business, best,, well Mother how do you get along,, I suppose
it is rather bad traveling down there,, by this time. the
weather here is very fine,, it seem like June, down East,,
but I should rather be down there,, with the mud, then to
be here,, but I am in hopes to come out all right in the
end,, and return safe home once more,, now Mother dont worry
one night about me. for I am doing only my duty,, and I hope
before next winter that peace will be declared,,

well Mother I hav got no news to write this time so I
will close by sending my love to you & Maria from your

aff

Son

ARMorrison

Camp of the 3" Me Vols May 7th 1863

Dear Mother,

I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know,, that I am still in the land of the living,, but I feel rather old,, we have had a pretty hard Battle,, but I was one of the fortunate ones,, we lost quite a number out of our company,, our 1st Lieut. was wounded & supposed to be taken prisoner,, Geo W. Stewart Chas? B. Russell Alvin Gibson? Martin Judkins & John Putnam are missing. but I think they are all taken prisoners,, the rest of us are well as could be expected---well Mother I will not writ any more this time, as I have not got time,

from your Son

ARMorrison

please write soon

May 19th 1863

(----- (3d Me,, on picket (?)

Dear Mother

Your letter was received this morning, and I was very glad to here from you,, to know that youre health was good,, my health is very good at present,, thoes Boys,, that wer missing when I wrote to you last,, have since been heard from,, they wes taken prisiners,, and parold (?) ,, and are not at Annapolis,, Me,,d,, where they will remain until they are exchanged,,

well Mother,, you seem to think that I am having a heard time,, well it is true,, I do not hav so pleasant a time as I wish,, but however,, I get along first rate and I hope my life will be spared so that,, I shall be able to return home once more,, there is no place like home,, go where you will,, but I live in hopes of ,, this war coming to an end,, this summer,, well Mother,, I dont want you to worry about me one nite,, keep up good courage,, and look on the bright side,, and all will come out right,, I hav endured a good many heardship,, and expect to endure a good many more,, but I am in hopes to come out all right,, in the end,,

I understand that they are agoing to conscripting,, I hope they will,, and start?out some of thoes,, patriotic drones that are laying back,, I want to see every man out here,, that is able to carry a Rifle,, I dont like this fighting any better than any one,, but if we must fight,, giv us more men,, and we will close this thing up,, our army is growing weaker every day,, there are quite a number of two years,, & nine months Regt,, that there time has expired,, and they are starting for home every day,, our time will come in about a year,, that will soon pass round,, better time is coming,, Keep up good courage,,

-well Mother,, as I hav not got a very good chance to write,, I will draw this to a close by sending my love to you & Maria

from your Son

AR Morrison

I hav not heard from Henry since I wrote to you last,,

write soon

Camp near Potomac Creek Va June 2nd 1863

Dear Mother

I received your kind letter last evening. I was very glad to hear from you & Maria to know that you were well. my health is first rate, and I am getting ^{strongly} ^{well}. I am glad you have heard from Henry. it seems strange that he does not write to me. I am ^{glad} that his health is good, and that he is getting along so finely. I should like to see the old Boy, and I think I shall in about a year, we are on our last year, and I hope I shall be as fortunate on this year, as I was on the first two, but all we can do is to live in hopes, we shall probably stop where we are, until the full campaign, then we shall be on the move again, but I think I shall come out all right, it makes me feel a little blue, to see the two years Regt. going home, but never mind, one year will pass round in a short time.

well Mother. I have got no news to write this time, every thing is quiet. I hope you will hear from Father by the time this reaches you.

I send my love to you & Maria, from your Son
C. R. Morris

Camp near Apperille Va. July 22nd 1869

Dear Mother

Your letter was received in due season, but I had not that time to answer it, until the present time, for we have been on the move ever since the 11th of June, and I have seen some rough times, but I have escaped thus far, our Company suffered severely at the Battle of Gettysburg, there is only five of us, on duty at present, we lost four killed, six wounded, and four missing, supposed to be taken prisoner. I should have written you a few lines before, but I saw John Frost, two days after the Battle, and he said he had written home, and write that I was all right, so I supposed you would not worry about me. I should think we shall see much more fighting at present, for our Reg^t is going to be filled up with conscripts, and it will take some time to drill them, and get them ready for service.

Well Mother how do you get along, I hope you hear heard from Luther & Henry by this time, you must keep my good regards, look on the bright-side, this war cannot last always, and it never looked more favorable for us than it does at present. I begin to have some hopes

cleaning them out. all we want is a few conscripts
and I should like to have a chance to pick out a few that
I know of, in New York. I should like to see them out here
on the front seats.

well Mother.

I cannot write any more this
time. I send my love to you & Marie. Hoping this will
find you enjoying good health.

from your Son

A. R. Morrison

write soon give me all the news

is about the same as you say,
and Mobile has got to come next,
and I cant see as they have got much
show, but I suppose they will hold out
until the last moment, and I think
that will come before many months.

I cant see why Henry doesnt
write, I guess he has forgotten that he
has any friends, but I look for a letter
from him next week, and I hope you
will get one from Father by the time
you write again.

By the way Mother how do you & Mother
get along about the house, have you
had a settlement lately, I should not
want it to run too long at a time, for
she is rather stiff.

You must not work
too steady on shoes, just keep up good
course, and make up your mind to
see us all to home once more, for
I believe you will, and nothing will

make me think any different,
well Mother I will now draw this
to a close.

I send my love to you and Marie,
give my respects to all company
friends

From your Son

A. Morrison

Tell Mr Frost - folks that

John is well

good by for the present
write soon

,, Camp near Warrentin?? Va July 31

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 25th(?) came to hand this morning, and I was very glad to here from you and Maria to know that you wes both well,, my health is very good at present,, but I hav seen some pretty rough times since we started on this campagne,, but I think we shall hav a chance to rest a while,, at preasant,, our Regt is agoing to be filled up with conscripts,, and I suppose we shall stop here until that is complete,, I am sorry that I caused you so much anxiety about me,, but I supposed you would here from me by the way of John Forest,, but I suppose you thought there must be something wrong,, as I did not write before I wrote a letter to (--) when we was at (----ville),, which I preseume you hav received by this time,, well Mother I hardly know what to write,, there is no news of any account,, I don't see the reason why Henry does not write. but I think he is all right - or you would here from his Wife.

As I hav got no news to write this time I will draw this short letter to a close,, hoping these few lines will find you enjoying good health,,

I send my love to you & Maria

now Mother dont worry about me one nite,,
(only ten months longer)

From your

Son

AR Morrison

write soon

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.. Camp near White Sulphur Springs, Va August 7th

Dear Mother

as I am not very busy this morning, I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know how I get along, my health is first rate, but pleasant, and I am enjoying myself very well, we have had some pretty hard times for the last two months, but I think we shall have a rest now for a while, I understand we are going to stop here until we get filled up with conscripts, and that will take about two months, then I suppose we shall start on another campaign, I have been very fortunate thus far, which I feel very thankful for, and I hope that I shall be able to return home safe and sound, in the course of ten months, I am counting the months now, and I shall be glad when it gets to be days, but never mind, keep up good courage, and hope for the best, all will come out right in the end.

I am sorry that you do not hear from Father, or Henry, but I think they will come out all right yet, (don't give up) as long as there is life, there is hope, well Mother I will not write any more this time.

Tell Mr Frost's folks, that John is all right.

From your

Son

A. R. Harrison

I send my love to you & Mamma

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"Camp Near White Sulphur Springs, Va August 1864"

Dear Mother

I received your letter last evening, and I was very glad to hear from you & Maria, to know that you were well, my health is very good, and I am enjoying myself as well as could be expected, everything is quiet in camp, but we are expecting to move in a few days, and it is thought that we are going back to Alexandria, and stay until we get filled up with conscripts, if we do we shall not be likely to see much more fighting this summer, that will suit me I can assure you, our Regt does not look much as it did when we came out, we have got just about one company in the Regt, that is a hundred men, but we are about as good now, as some larger Regts, the old third, holds a good reputation in the Division, and we have been complimented several times by the General, — it is all a very fine thing, to have a fighting name, but it costs a big price, for if they have a hard place, you are sure to be put in, — but never mind, I am about a nine months man now, that will soon pass off, and I shall be glad when I can put on a citizen suit) — do you recollect, Mother, what you told me when I enlisted, you thought I had better write, write, I had to go, but I

think. I am better off now, with only nine months to stop, than I should be, to be crippled for three years or during the war.

well Mother how do you get along. I should like to be at home this morning, and have a good long chat with you, but I hope the time is not far distant, when I shall have an opportunity. I am sorry that you do not hear from Father or Henry, but we must hope on. I wrote to Henry, the the same time that I wrote to you before, and I expect to hear from him the last of this week.

well Mother I will draw this letter to a close. I send my love to you and Maria.

Your affectionate son

W R Morrison

plus write son

give me all the news

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Camp near White Sulphur Springs of Co. Ariz.

Dear Mother

Your letter of the 26th came to hand this evening, and I was very glad to hear from you to know that your health was good, my health is very good at present, but I have had a bad cold for the best week, but I have got over it now. There is nothing new going on in camp, every thing is quiet, but we expect 200 conscripts here next week for our Regt. and then I expect we shall have some lively times in sailing them, but never mind only nine months longer, and then I am out of it, and I think if we have a great success the next two months we have none for the last two, that the fighting is about done with, the news is here to night that Charleston

Camp near White Sulphur Springs Va Sept 9th/63

Dear Mother

I received your letter this evening and I was very glad to hear from you and Maria,, my health is very good at pesant and I am getting along first rate, I was very sorry to hear of Edsons(?) death. I saw an account of it in the Clarion last evening. I thought he had got entirely well. but it is hard telling whate a day will bring forth,, but I suppose it is all for the best,,well Mother how do you get along,, it seems that you do not get any news from Father or Henry, but you must not give it up yet,, They will come out all right yet,, only have good courage and make up your mind to see us all at home before many months.

By the way John Wyman was over to see me a few days ago. he looks first rate, and Chas(?) Smith was here yesterday,, there camp is only about a mile from us. - - there was two hundred conscripts arrived here for our Regt. this evening, and I expect busy times for the next few days,

well Mother I have not got any news atall this evening so I will draw this letter to a close, hoping that you will hear from Father and Henry. by the time this reaches you.

good by for the present

I send my love to you and Maria.

From Your

Son

AR Morrison

pleas write so

A. R.

as my boots was getting what was
and we have not been paid off yet

I wish you would send me 5 dollars
and I will return it when I get my

pay, send as soon as you can
and get a green back of 5

11 Camp Langdon Sept 1862

Dear Mother

I received your
letter this morning, I was very glad to hear
from you, my health is very good at present
and I am getting along very well.

I was very sorry to hear of Billy Mason
death. He was a good fellow, and
I liked him very much. GEORGE
was taken prisoner and he is here
with me now, he was brought in here
last week by the Rebel only kept him
a few days, he was beaten.

I am glad that you got a letter from
Henry and I think he is about right
to stay where he is until the draft
is over if I was out of W. S. I would not
take a Regt General Commission and
go again to your own party unless I think
of it, but I shall have to master the best

of it now, but I shall get out of it
if there is any such a thing, but it
will be some time, before I can get away,
we cannot tell what they are going to do
with us yet, but they will have to do
some thing before long, the way things are
going, or the Rebels will have us again,
we are getting defeated in every battle,
things look dark at present, I hope things

will look brighter soon, it seems as if

there would be settled some other way
then fighting, and I think it will
have to be, if it is ever settled, but

these politicians want to settle
until they have killed off every man
thousand, then they will finally had
to compromise, and it could be done
near as well as another time, and it
would save a great many lives,
they begin to think that they cannot

win the Rebels quite so easy as
first expected, I tell you what it
is Mother, my father's men is getting

cooler than, amazingly, I can't see the
reason of the government keeping us here,
we are of no use to them, and to no use
it is about as bad as prison
life, only we get all we want to eat, that

is all the difference, I can see, but we
will Mother, I cannot think of any

more this time.

So I will close, by sending
you and Mamma my love

from

you

Ed Merrin

we moved our camp about two
miles out of the city, and it is
called Camp Sanger

Direct to Camp Sanger

Amazolis - Va

Mamma's affection

Camp Sanger Sept 9th 46

Dear Mother

I received your letter this morning. I was very glad to hear from you. I was sorry to hear that your health was so poor. I hope it will be better soon. My health is very good, and I get along first rate. but I should like to be at home. I think that would suit me as well as any thing, and if the news is true, I think we shall all be at home before long. The news last night was that we had gained a great victory. That the Rebel General Hill was killed, and that Gen Longstreet was taken prisoner, and that Jackson was surrounded, and would have

to surrender, if this be true
this war is very near to an end,
I hope it is true,
well Mother I cannot think
of any more this time. I am
much obliged to you for sending
the money, and as soon as I
get quit off, I will send you
them.

I will now close by sending
my love to you and Annie

From Yours

Son

W. Morris

I hope you will hear from
Father and Henry by the
time you get this

and give my love to them

Camp near (-----) Va Sept 21/63

Dear Mother

I received your letter last night I was very glad to here from you & Maria. My health is first rate and I am enjoying myself as well as could be expected. I am glad that you got a letter from Henry,, and I hope we shall hear from him oftener than we have, and I hope by the time you write again that you will hear from Father. but keep up good courage all is for the best,, I see by your letters that Henry has got to be a family man. I hope he will enjoy it,, I should like to see him first rate with his little one on his knee,, well Mother I have got no news to write this time,, only that we have moved since I wrote you last. we are at present near Culpeper Va but I think we shall move soon. -----

Capt (?) Stephen Fletcher was over to our Regt. yesterday,, he belongs to the seventh,, he looks first rate, I saw John Wyman last week and Charles Smith,, they wer well.

well Mother

~~I will~~
I will draw this to a close. I dont know as you can read this for I have written it double quick, I send my love to you and Maria

From Your Son

AR Morrison