

Third Regiment saw action from Bull Run to Gettysburg



Anson Reed Morrison released from Salisbury Prison 1862. Rejoins 3rd Regiment Maine. Sergeant Major.

Anson Reed Morris volunteered for the 3rd Regiment of Maine in April of 1861. Three months later, he was one of the first Union prisoners captured at the Battle of Bull Run. He was moved between three prisons ending up in Salisbury Prison in September of that same year.

What we didn't know is that Anson was part of a pris-

oner exchange in May of 1862, arriving in New York on the Steamer named the Guide. Anson was lucky, as it wasn't until later that the Confederate prisoners became the death houses due to poor provisions and treatment.

Anson likely rejoined his regiment, fighting in many battles including famous engagements in 1863 at Gettysburg, and in 1864 in the Wilderness

and Spottsylvania.

At Gettysburg they fought under Major General Sickles, and were well out front battling Longstreet, before pulling back to form the famous "J" defense designed by General Meade.



Spelling of German names often adds another "e" or an "i" to another vowel in the surname before 1900

When looking up German names in the US Census or other old records, the spelling of the surname in the document often adds another vowel which makes a computer search difficult. For instance, the name Schuetz was found in the church records sometimes as Schutz. The name Pitz was sometimes spelled Peitz, Pletz, or even Peetz.

Spelling was inconsistent before 1900, and often was

determined only by the author of the document. If they felt adding another vowel helped the pronunciation, there was nobody to tell them differently.

Searching for surnames on the internet can be tricky given this history. Because of this, genealogists developed a kind of code called "Soundex". It uses a code for a name like Morrison, and lists all the surnames that "sound" alike.

The Soundex code disregards the vowels in the name in addition to H, W, and Y. The Soundex code for Morrison is:

M ...first letter of name
 6 ...code for R
 2 ...code for S
 5 ...code for N

Or M625. With this code, you can do many searches and Morrison, Morson, etc will come up.

Schuetz,
Schutz, Pitz,
Pietz, Peitz,
Peetz
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