

Dear Dear Son

Bear with me
while I attempt to describe to you
my feelings I have tried to speak
to you on the subject of your soul,
but tears have choked my utterance,
O Anson do not put off the subject
of religion to a more convenient
season which may never come
but seek the Saviour now while
you have health, life is uncertain,
true happiness is not found in the
things of Earth, there is nothing
here that can fill an Immortal
mind, but seek the Saviour now
he has said him that cometh to
me I will in nowise cast of
we are all lost sinners, and Christ
has died to save the lost,
O believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved



1861

Camp Merril

Washington D.C June 30th

Dear Mother

I received your letter last night, and I was very glad to hear from you, to know that you are well, my health is first note, and I am getting very well, we are having a very pleasant time here, we have a plenty to eat and drink, we were rather short the three first days, but since then we forego well, as could be expected.

I should like to be down there the fourth, I see by the papers that they are going to have a great time down there, I suppose we shall celebrate some there, there is five Maine Regt all encamped within a few rods of each other, John Russell and

I know that you will
be placed in the midst of
temptations and the Lord
alone can give you strength
to resist temptation, O look
to him to guide and direct
you, O seek him by prayer
~~and then~~ you ask him to
show you your sins as
you ought to see them in his
sight, and to lead you to
that repentance which is
unto life,

my prayer is that
the Lord will watch over and
protect you, and keep you
from evil, and if it can
be his will return you again
in health and safety to your
home, but O if we are not
permitted to meet again on Earth
may we meet in Heaven

I have placed in your Valise
a small book, which I beg you
to read, and do not forget to
study your Bible, O Anson
pray for yourself, and do not
forget your Mother
O do right in all things and
you will have your reward
remember thou God seest me

From your
Mother

who loves you
C. Morrison

Good by

O Anson R Morrison write to me
as often as you can and you will
oblige your mother
Charlotte Morrison Skowhegan

1861

Washington D.C. (----)

Dear Mother

I thought that I would write you a few lines to let you know that I arrived here all safe and sound. We had a very pleasant journey here and we are having us good times as could be expected. There has? Three Regt started for Harpers Ferry, this morning, every thing is all excitement. But they think it wont last long. James Fellows is in the first Regt that starts for Harpers Ferry this week. Our Regt will probably stay here for some time yet.

Well Mother how do you get along I suppose it is rather loansome at home, but it will all come out right before a great while. I don't want you to worry eny about me for I am bound to do right.

I will tell you what we have to do in the morning we have to turn out at five oclock, and at seven we have prayers, and after that breakfast. And at nine we form on for a drill. Well Mother I wont write eny more about this, by the way have you heard from Henry yet I think it's about time for him to write. Well Mother I have not got time to write eny at present so good by for awhile.

I send my love to you and Maria,

writ Soon

Direct youre letters to

ARMorrison
Washington D C

3rd Regt Co. F?
care of Capt E G Savage

Washington D.C. from (---)

Dear Mother

I received your letter last week. & was very glad to here from you to know that you and Maria wes well my health is very good. and I like(?) very well. but I should like to be at home about dinner time. I think you live about as well as we do but we are getting brouk in so that it goes verry well now. although the grub was rather hard the first three days.

This is a lazy life to live. we are on duty about 3 hours a day. the rest of the time is spent in laying in the camp, and loafing around the ground. quite a number of the Boys are sick. There are six cases of the mumps, but most of them are nearly well. I think the rest of them will be on duty in a few days.

Chas? Hill started for hom last Wednesday morning with a man that belongs to Gardner. that has fitts,, Charley will stop at home about three weeks,, ---

There was about twelve Regt. come in since we come,, the 4? Regt of Maine,, come in last night, we are all encamped in one field.

Albert Pratt was up to see me last night. he belong to the 1st Regt of Mass,, --

All of the Boys seem to be in good spirits,,

well Mother I cannot think of eny more to write this time so good by for the present,, from

Youre

Son

AR Morrison

Direct the same as Before

I send my love to you and Maria

G B

Plea write Soon

Excuse all Mistakes

Robert, J. & W. are there they come greatly
they are aging, look in a few days
they say business is very dull in
Shawhegan at present, they compare
with some horses for the fifty Regt
There is no sign of fighting
as yet, and they think that there
will not be much, some think that
it will be settled up before long,
we get our mounts for
this week, then we have to wait
two months for the rest,

well mother I cant think
of any more this time
Good by for the present

From Your Son
Sergeant W. Morrison

Direct the same as before
Wm. Swan

Let Savage

The Mills. Fairfax Co Va. July 12th 1861

Dear Mother

I reciev'd your letter
wednesday night, and I was very glad to hear from you, to
know that you wer well, my health is first rate, and I enjoy
myself very well, we have moved twice since I wrote to you last,

last week we moved to Alexandria, and stay there
four days, and yesterday we came here to what is called M^{rs}
Mills, it is about four miles from Alexandria, it is a very
pleasant place, but I suppose we shall not stay here long,

it is hard telling what will come next, but every thing
is quiet at present, the boys are all in good spirits, and
seem to enjoy them selves very well,

well Mother how do you get along,
have you got that board money from Fairfax yet, I
spoke to James Lord, at Augustin, he said that he would
try and get it for you, it will be about seven dollars,

well Mother I have ~~written~~ written about all that
I can think of this time, but I will try and write and
let you know more next time.

as I did not send this letter yesterday I will
write you a little more news we have just taken
four prisoners and we are marching them
to headquarters amidst the cheers of our boys
singing out quit Jeff Davis. Shoot him &
root &

no more this time

write soon

West Boylston July 23 186?

Mrs Morison

I take the liberty of writing at this time to ascertain whether Anson has ever been released or not We hav heard that he had and was coming home we have thought very strange of it to think we should not hear from him some way if he was (-----) he wrote us about a week before the battle at Bull Run and we wrote him the day of the Battle and never have heard? since? only by seeing his name in a paper he boarded with us a few months before he left and we feel quite an interest to know his fate and you will oblige us much if you will write us whether he is alive or not yours in (-----)

Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Keith

Please write soon

Clermont Va Aug 5th 1861

Mess Morrison

You are aware of the fact
we think ^{that} Anson is missing. Do not give
yourself any uneasiness although we have not
heard from him, still we think he is safe.
Missing men are coming in every day & we
all expect he will come along one of
these days. One came in to day. Anson
may be a prisoner. if he is rest assured
~~that~~ no harm will befall him

If the wishes of
the company will bring him back he
will come speedily. — Sympathizing with
you deeply in your affliction ~~I am~~

I remain
Yours Truly

Jeff. Savage Capt.
Co F

P.S. Should you need assistance in obtaining
the pay due him I will render all
in my power

Richmond Va August 18th 1861

Dear Mother

I take the opportunity to let you know that I am still in the hospital of the living and enjoying myself as well as I can under the circumstances. I am a prisoner of War, I suppose you have heard of this before, but don't give yourself any uneasiness on my account for I feel myself very well, and hope soon to be exchanged, and if I do get home I don't think you will see me in the army again.

I have got enough of it to convince me that there is not much fun in it, I never wish to witness another such a sight as I did on the day of Battle - -

well Mother, I cannot think of any more to write this time, I hope you have heard from Father by this time, and therefore

I will bid you good by for the present

from your son

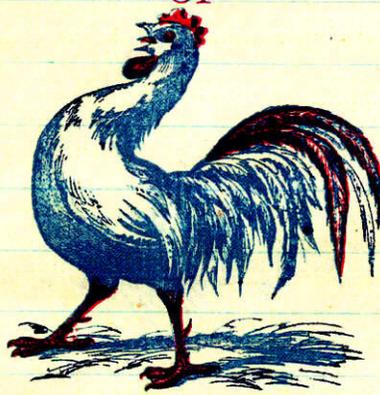
W. R. Morrison

N.B.
Direct your letter to W. R. Morrison
Richmond, Va. 3rd Regt - Maine
prisoner of War

CAME COCK

OF

1776.



1862.

UNCLE SAM!

Anapolis ^{md} July 21th 1862

Dear Mother, I take
this opportunity to let you know
that, I arrived there all safe, but
have not found out what they are
going to do with us, as yet, it's
rather warm here today, we are
in a very pleasant place, but
I had rather be in Sharpsburg
if I had my say, I think I can
get my discharge if my sub class
not get any better, but I expect

to stop here some times for it
will be some time before they all
get here, there is about four
hundred of us here now, we have
just got our tents pitched
and are preparing for camp
life again. I have seen George
Steward, & Mont (Bumkin)
George starts for the Regt today
Mont is wounded in the hand
and will remain here. There
is about 14 or 15 hundred sick
and wounded here in the
hospital. - - -

well Mother

I will enclose
this short letter by bidding
you good bye.

From your Son

A. B. Morrison

N. B. Direct your letters to
Annapolis M. A. Parole Prisoner

Camp Parole? Annapolis M.d. July 28 1862

Dear Mother

I received the letters you sent me from Henry and Mr. Wheeler,, and was very glad to here from Henry,, he says his health is good at present,, and you see by his letter that he wants a little money,, and I want you to send him twenty-five dollars, in your next letter,, you had better get it changed into US Notes,, for them are good where he is,, so good by for the present -

from your Son ARMorrison

Direct your letters to

Annapolis. Md
Camp Parole
Maine Detachment

Excuse this short note
I will write more when I
receive your letter

1862
" Camp. Perole Annapolis Aug 26

Dear Mother

I received your letter last night, and I was very glad to hear from you, my health is very good at present, and I am enjoying my self as well as could be expected, I received a letter from Henry, he said he was coming home as soon as he could make arrangements, and he also said he had got a woman, to take care of, you said he sent you his wife picture, I wish you would send it to me in your next letter, and I will send it back to you when I write, I want to see what kind of a looking woman he has got, I hope he will come home, and settle down, I think he has traveled

about enough, for a while,
we has not ferret out what they are
a going to do with us, but I think they
will do something before long.

I am much obliged to you for the
postage stamp. I cannot think of any
more to write this time. I hope
you will get a letter from Father
by the next time you write.

I send my love to you and Mother

Your Obedient Son
A R Merrin

Write soon.

Excuse this writing as I have you
a poor pen

1862

Camp Parole Annapolis Sept 4th

Dear Mother

I received your letter in due season, and was glad to here from you, I was sorry to here that Marie had been sick, but I hope she will be better soon, my health is very good at present, but I cant say that I am very well contented with this place, for I has got about sick of it, and I hope they will do something with us before a great while, but I suppose I could get into worse places than this,

The news today, looks rather gloomy, our army is in Washington, and the Rebels threaten to attack the capitol, it dont look much like peace, at present, but we may come out all right yet, at least I hope so, it dont seem as if this war could last much longer, at any rate,

well Mother how do you get along, I suppose things are rather dull in Shenandoah, now, I want you to let me know what Boys has enlisted since I left, and if any of them has gone into my company

I am much obliged to you for sending Henrys wife picture, it is so very small, that I cant tell how

she does look,, but I should think she was very good
looking,, I will send it back to you in this letter,, for
I am afraid I shall lose it,, if I keep it any longer,,
the postage stamp was very acceptable,,

I cannot think of any more this time
So I will bid you good by

From

Yours
Son

Sergt. W. Morrison

Direct us before, and write soon.

I send my love to you and Miss
I will tell the news

give my respects to all your Friends

That's all this

Oct 11

Camp of 3^d Regt Cavalry Ferry Md

Dear Mother

as I have neglected
to write to you, since I left Annapolis
I thought I would drop you a few
lines to let you know how I
get along, when I left there I
supposed I was exchanged, and
was going to the Regt, but we were
sent to Uxbridge, and I could
not find out anything about it
there, so I thought I would go to
the Regt, in my own boots, but
they don't know anything about it
here, but they have sent to head
quarters, and I suppose I shall
find out in a short time, if
I don't I shall leave that soon
I sent you fifty dollars the day
I left Annapolis, but I guess I shall

Annapolis after the prisoner exchange.

has to send for part of it, perit
cost me more than I expected to get
to the Regt. but you need not send
any untill you hear from me
again.

Tell Mr Frost folks that
John is well, and doing first
rate, he says he is coming back
into the company if I do.

well Mother, and I had got
such a poor chance to write.

I will draw this to a close.

I send my love to you and
Marie

Yours
son

W. E. Merrin

Direct to

Washington D.C.

3rd Maine Regt. Co. F

Excuse this poor writing

Virginia Oct 27 1862

Dear Mother

I received your letter last week, and I was very glad to hear from you. I know that your health is good at least, my health is good at present, and I am still in the 10th Reg^t, but I have not gone to duty yet, nor I don't calculate to until I can not pay of my exchange, I think I shall go back to Alexandria before long, and perhaps I shall come home, I am not going to be pushed this way or that while long. I want you to send me fifteen dollars, as soon as you get this, you had better get

about worry about your personal
I was a good boy

it's chugged into U.S. Steel
Three five

well Mother. I have not got
much news, only we are on our
way to Leeburg, we expect to
get there tomorrow night.

P. S. Mrs. Good that John
is all right, and is exceedingly
pleasent.

well Mother I cannot think
of any more this time.

From your
Son

W. A. Morris
I send my love to you & Marie

about to

Washington D.C.

Co. G 3rd Marine Regt

S.P.
Send the money in your letter
for it is to much better by express

written

"Somewhere Pa Nov 11 1862

Dear Mother

I received your letter this evening, and I was very glad to hear from you & Maria. I was sorry to hear that she was not well, but I hope she will be better soon, my health is very good, I am stopping with John Farrow, at present, but I expect to go to the Regt in a few days, the money came all safe, and I was very glad to get it, as I shall want to buy some things for winter, now Mother I don't want you to worry about me, for I shall do the best I can, to come out all right, it is hard to tell how this war will come

out, but I hope it will be settled
up this winter. I cant see
the reason why you dont get
a letter from Henry, I should
think he would write, if he
could. I think Father will
be at home, before many months.
I hope he will, but we must
hope for the best.

well Mother I cannot think
of any more this time.

Thers

Yours

Son
C. P. Munn

write soon

direct as before

I send my love to you & Maria
just by

Camp of (-----) Dec 17 1862

Dear Mother

Rappahannock River

I received your letter last Sunday evening. I was glad to hear from you to know that you are well. My health is very good. But I have got a bad cold. But I shall get over it in a few days. We have had rather hard time for the last few days. The night I received your letter I was on the Battlefield. We crossed the (R-----) River last Saturday morning and engaged the enemy. But we did not succeed in driving them out of their position. But we held our ground until Monday night when we heard that the enemy had got reinforcements and was agoing to attack us in the morning. So we recrossed the river under cover of night, much to my satisfaction for we had (-----) on the Battlefield about seventy hours, and (---) most of the Boys were pretty well used up. Our Regt lost about twenty-five or thirty. Killed and wounded. There was only one man wounded in our company, a man by the name of Smith was struck in the arm with a piece of shell. We were very fortunate indeed and if I ever was thankfull it was when I left the Battlefield.

There was rather a curious sight last Sunday. We sent in a flag of truce, so that we could bury the dead, and while that was agoing on our skirmishers went up and shook hands with the Rebs. And exchanged (-a-ers) and give them coffee for tobacco, & & &. Things looked very friendly for some time. I wished that the Privates could have the say about this, I think it would be settled in a short time. It has got to be settled some other way than by fighting in my opinion.

Well Mother I will not write any more this time. I send my love to you and Maria.

from your Son AR Morrison

Please write soon and send me a dozen postage stamps. I have got a plenty of paper and it is hard to get the stamp

1862
Camp Fisher near Portsmouth Va Dec 9

Dear Mother

I received your letter
of the 24th this morning. I was
very glad to hear from you and
Marian. To know that you are
well, my health is not very good
at present. I ^{have} been pretty well
used up ever since the fight.
I have ^{not} been on duty since, but
I am getting better. My side is
better than it was, but I have not
got over it yet. I don't think
I can stand a great many more
Rebels. They don't agree with
me at all. I won't take any
more of them. I see this
army as far although you will
see in the paper, in what fine

condition, The soldiers were, and
how eager they are for a fight
but that is well played with
it is all cheap talk, that is
a good deal of desertion & of other
with the troops, they have got
sick of being fed & abused
much we know, how much
longer are the people going
to suffer that war to go on, it
will never be settled unless they
do it, it can never be settled
by fighting, and it seems
hard, to take so many lives
when it dont contribute to
any thing, now what did the
Battle of Fredericksburg, contribute
to, we gained nothing, but
then over thousands of lives
lost, and I doubt if any of us
would have got away if we had

wanted another day, but we were
fortunate to get off as we
did.

well Mother

I will not write
any more this time, I send
my love to you and Maria,
hoping soon to see you

I am much obliged for the
Stumps

Tom Jones

WPA