

I will here ^{give} you my opinion I do not think you
will be safe to come home without a ^{pernough} ~~pernough~~ ^{company}
that ^{you} have volunteered into the service and if you ever ~~have~~ ^{have}
~~to go~~ to go in it may be the sooner the better as all the
company may soon be filling up on the coast ^{and} you will be
^{sent to Virginia} I drop this but not knowing ^{what} you are doing
or what you intend to do I have nothing of importance to write
I intend sending this by W. J. Parker to Wilmington as he
expects to start down next Monday write as soon as you
can and let us know how you are Adieu

From your affectionate father Mr. M. B. B. B.

I also include a few ^{lines} to J. M. M. from his wife

Copied 7/22/80 R.M.

State of Virginia
 I am with you in every way
 to health and happiness
 we arrived here at 11
 suit we are in possession
 of instruction to lay out
 we do not expect to stay here
 very long we have not
 into any business yet
 names have not been called
 we were left in charge of the

our tent one man and a horse
 we will be formed into a company
 any before night no more to
 ate with our fare is more than
 but flower and old bacon
 all we get to eat. write to me
 as soon as you get this and let
 me know how you get on

J. H.

State of N.C.
 August 16, 1862

Capt. Rm. 7/21/80

State of North Carolina

Aug. 16 1862

Dear wife, I write you a few lines to let you know that I stay well to health but not so by mind. We arrived here alive (alive) and unhurt. We are in the Comp. of instruction to day but we do not expect to stay here very long. We have not ^(been) been formed into any Co. yet, nor our names have not ^(been) been called. We were left in charge of --- (cannot make out words) our tent and basin and I expect we will be formed into a Co. before night. No pencil to write ^(write) with. Our fare is worse than bad. Old flour & old bacon is all we get to eat. Write ^(write) to me as soon as you get this & let me ^(know) how you all are.

A. D. McBride

Copy of Original Letter

(Letter #1)

Richmond August 22nd 1862 40

Dear wife I sat my self this morning
to write you a few lines to let you know that
I am well as common at the time and hope
this may reach you the same I am at home
and I expect to start in a few days
Dear wife I have seen ~~you~~ ~~and~~ ~~expect~~ to see more before I see
you I was ordered from Raleigh to Peterburg
then to Richmond to do march I left
all my cloth at Peterburg but my uniform
that I have on I want you to do the best
you can and pray for me that I may return
to you again Dear father and mother
and sister remember me with
of your poor wife k p my baby for me as
I am in the ~~labor~~ ~~movement~~ ~~with~~ ~~ed~~ ~~Bill~~
and in company I under cap Jones of a hat
you need not write to me till I write to you
I may close for the lack of time as I
hard no more at present only your love
Dear ~~father~~ ~~mother~~ ~~sister~~

Dear wife I write you that I am well and
common you will see by the above where
I am ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~ both to ~~you~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~

Dear father who is intended for ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~of~~
a for one is from ~~the~~ ~~last~~

of the where you write direct your
letter to Rich. Marshall
4-8 Regiment. to the
my G in care of

I could not do a good deal more
that I have seen but do not
think it would be of any service
to you I will say that Virginia is
rounded it is a Camp ground all
over fences is all burnt up and
nothing is making but
Gap Jackson had a fight
he fore yesterday and he
the yankees and took 300 prisoners
we passed them last night at
golden vill the yankees is in thirty
miles of us now this may be the last
you will ever here from me
get in battle any day if you
let me, no whether they have
more of conscripts or no
close by say I am your
I. W. West is the same that
I am and what his family is
to be sick like I am

Richmond August 20th 1862 or August 22 1862

Dear wife I seat my self this morning to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well as common, at the time and hope this may reach you the same. I am at Richmond and expect to start to ~~Condensville~~ ^{Condensville} tomorrow. Dear wife I have seen trouble since I seen you. I was ordered from Raleigh to Petersburg then to Richmond for a 2 day march. I left all my cloths at Petersburg but my uniform that I have on. I want you to do the best you can and pray for me that I may return to you again. Dear Father and Mother Brother and Sister remember me in all of your prayers. Wife Kiss my baby for me. I am in the 48 Regiment under Col Hill and in Co. G under Cap. Jones of Chatham. you need not write to me till I write again I may chuse for the lack of time. Our fare is hard. No more at present, only yours till Death A. D. McBride

Dear wife I write you that I am well as common, you will see by the above where I am for we are both together.

J. W. West

Dear Father this is intended for both who is for one is for both.

A & M - J. W. West
Alexander Daniel McBride J. W. West

(Copy of Original Letter)

(Letter #2)

Father when you ^{rite} write direct your letter to Richmond, Va. 48 Reg. N.C. Troops Company & in care of Cap. Jones. I could ^{rite} write a good deal more that I have seen but do not think it would be of any service to you. I will say that Va. is rained. It is a Camp ground all over. Fences is all burnt up AND nothing a ^{making} making but weed and grass. Jackson had a fight day before yesterday and whiped the yankees and took 300 ^{prisoners} prisoners. We pased them last night at Bondensville. The yankees is in thirty miles of us now. This may be the last you will ever hear from me as I may get in battle any day. If you ^{rite} write let me ^{know} know wheather they have take any more of conscripts or not. I must close by say I am your
AND- ADM

J.W. West is the same that I am. and wants his family to see that he is sick like I am.

(2nd page of Letter #2)

Aug-28-1862

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Virginia August 28

Camp Rappahannock

Dear wife I take this opportunity
priviled to drop you a few lines
to let you no that I am
not very well
but ~~am~~ able to
I have got the disease
glad to hear from you
not heard from you since I
you I am a long way from you now
I am 15 miles to save
in bite of the blue ridge
in route for Jackson
do not extend beyond this
we may get for this order
not we will stay here
workers brigade our fare to
cracker and what meet I have
hoped over a merry mile
back since I left home
must remember me in all your
that I may return to you
father I want you and all
not to remember me I want you
to write to me as soon as you
without fail and let me no how you
all are getting along A.D.M.

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VIRGINIA August 28 1862

Camp Raphu'nock

Dear wife I take this one more privilege to drop you a few lines to let you know about how I am. I am not very well at this time but am able to be about, I have got the dhenia, I will be glad to hear from you as I have not heard from you since I seen you. I am a long ways from you now. I am 15 miles above Lundsenville in lite of the Blue Ridge this morning in rout for Jackson but our order does not extend ^{beyond} this place. We may get ^{further} order if we do not we will stay here. We are in workers bigude, our fare today Crackers and fat ^{meat} Meats. I have packed over many hill and rock since I left home. you must remember me in all your prayers. that I may return to you safe, Father I want you and all the rest to remember me. I want you to ^{write} rite to me as soon as you get this without fail and let me ^{know} how you all are getting along

A. D. M^r Buide

Alexander Daniel M^r Buide

(Copy of Original Letter)

(Letter #3)

Sept 12th 1862 Richmond Va

General Hospital

Dear wife I write you in the
 morning to let you know how I am
 where I am at the hospital in Richmond but I think
 I am a little better today than
 I have been in some time
 I am not taking pills but I do not
 know what sort of pills they are
 neither do I know what is the
 matter with me I have a fever
 and cold and about that
 much I do not think of
 the fever I have been
 here for the last three weeks
 I left the Regiment at
 get here I where about the
 in about 100 and 200 miles from
 here but our company is
 one the soldiers in
 times old volunteers about
 as the sword did before
 ing without tents and no
 nothing to eat they were
 getting half starved
 to come back here

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of you as well here at South West
we get coffee for breakfast and supper
and dinner with

father & mother with me
as a week of it and we
have money and things
in it of a camel and
after a day or two of
hired footed when I left
he was very poor and I
money and all of it

what some good friends
I now had to do

I remain to remain
the same at all times

Sept 12th/1862 Richmond, Va.
General Hospital # 21

Dear wife, I write you a few lines this morning to let you know how I am and where I am. I am sick and in the hospital in Richmond but I think I am a little better this morning than I have been since I got here. I am taking pills but I do not know what sort of pills they are neither do I know what is the matter with me. I have a bad cough and cold and a bad taste in my mouth. I do not think I have got the fever. I have dinner and here for the last three weeks. I left the Regiment the 5th and got here. where I left the reg. is about 100 And 60 miles from here. 6 of our Co. is here with one. The soldiers is seeing hard times. old bootstems dable as hard as the ever did before marching without tents and no wood. Nothing to eat, they were not getting half a pound when I left to come back here.

Signed at bottom of page # 1 A. B. McBride

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I have as well here as I could expect. we get coffee for breakfast and supper and other vittles (2 or 3 wads's cannot make out) father I expect to write to you in a week if I stay here for some money and a box with some soap in it if I cannot make any other arrangement for I am disappointed. when I left for west he was very poorly. I am out of money and out of soap. But I have some good friends here. I now close by saying I remain to you all the same as I always will.

A. B. McBride

(Alexander Bauer McBride)

(copy of original letter)

(Letter #4)

the privilege of attending
 services in the city of their
 own choice a great many
 soldiers as well as citizens
 attended divine service.
 and I hope their minds
 are governed to a regard
 of their duty, the day past
 of pleasantly and quietly.
 It seemed unlike Sunday, than
 Friday and I hope it was
 kept holy by all as it should
 if not. now we know not
 what it may be and long
 and long stop toward
 leaving us and honorable
 and lasting peace every
 church in the city and
 open for the reception of
 all that wished to enter
 the sacred walls, I perceived
 nearly every church was

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 filled, Mr. Sumner of my
 kind was translated in the
 city and I don't suppose
 there was any thing done
 in the surrounding country.
 We were a few days since
 under marching and supporting
 to be going to send a party
 north to California, but that
 excitement has gradually
 died away. I think we will
 leave hand instead the
 matter ourselves and for
 far to go and find
 to a course of service
 when we leave we
 hope we will go to the
 old north side and there
 remain until this course
 stops shall cease. but we
 cannot tell anything about
 our destination our

