

**CW/VFM-126: *William and James Morrison***

12 letters, from 1862 to 1865, written by James R. Morrison (42<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment) and his brother, William Morrison (1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Rifles), to their family in Titusville, PA

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania, better known as the 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Rifles, were mustered shortly after the attack on Fort Sumter in April of 1861. This regiment became known as the “bucktails” because, prior to their departure from Harrisburg, they decided to adopt the bucktail as their regimental symbol. This regiment was engaged in most of the major battles of the Army of the Potomac until it was mustered out of service in May of 1864; many of the men, including the Morrison brothers, reenlisted in the 190<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania. William was enlisted in company E of this regiment, while James was enlisted in company D.

These letters include insight into daily camp life, as well as some mention of Union casualties.

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