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## 1863-09-22 Corporal Jonathan Newcomb Jr. requests a discharge

Jonathan Newcomb Jr.

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Camp Parole Sept. 22<sup>d</sup> / 63  
Governor Coburn,

I feel to day as though it would do me some good, to write you a few lines to day, and I have no doubt you take pleasure in receiving letters from your old troops. I dont wish to weary you with to long a letter, so I will give you an outline of what I would like to write. I enlisted on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1861 with the idea that I should not be from home more than three months. It is two years & four months since I left home. I was in the U. S. General Hospital when I heard the Me troops were going home on a furlough. I got discharged from there and arrived here just 4 hours to late

to go home with them. I have been  
here just one week to day sleep in  
my bunk without one item of  
clothing to cover me or lay upon  
consequently I have taken cold  
I have pains in my bones which  
I think is rheumatism. I  
dont suppose it is possible to  
get home now till my time is  
out which can not be longer  
than the 1<sup>st</sup> of June - 1864 a  
happy day it will be to me if  
I live to see it. It made me  
homesick and discontented to see  
so many go home & I obliged to  
remain in this parole camp. I  
never was so disappointed in  
my life as I am now to <sup>know</sup> that  
I cannot go home after being  
told every day for one week that  
we were shure to go. I have now  
make up my mind that I will  
stay any time out in the service

if God spers my life -  
Then I will have a discharge  
and I hope no one will try to keep  
me longer - It was the fault of the  
Doctor in command at the Hospital  
that we did not get home - I  
am just as thankful to you as  
though I were at home, I wish  
you many blessings and a long  
and happy life for the interest  
you have taken in the welfare  
of the troops from our state  
I will now close hoping God  
will bless you in your good works  
and that we may soon hear of  
an honourable Peace.

Yours Truly  
Jonathan Newcomb Jr.  
Corp. Co. A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Me Regt

Jonathan Newcomb

Geo. A. Robinson.

Newcomb J.

Sept 22, 1868.

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