

JUT. OFF ARK

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Dear Father

Having just received a letter from Uncle Sam Love giving me the condition of my poor Mother. I thought I would write you a few lines and let you know the reason that I have not started home. By this time after receiving your letter I did not have the money to come on at the time I received your letter. I have been trying all I can to raise the money to come home on every since that time

I have now on hand
about \$20 and hope to
raise more as soon as I
can and then I will
start home immediately
I think I will be able
to raise money enough ~~in~~ in
~~that time~~ 3 or 4 weeks
If I have good luck
If you think I had
better come home soon
Write immediately

I am in very
good health at present
although there is a great
deal of sickness in
the country this summer

John Hordens folks
have all been sick.
More or less this summer

Tell me to cheer-
up that if there is
any chance in the world
I will come home
soon

Give my love to
all the family and
relatives

Arrive soon
to you
off soon

E. M. Andrews

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