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Uptons Hill March 3 Dear Jarents with planere I seat my self to write a pew lines to you all to let you now that i am well at presant and hope this few lines may find you all in the same state of helth the time seames word to see you all but I hope that this ware will not last much long er for i am trasd of it now ne are ment was hington but we leave make duby to do here then we food in the fruit we are an probet every nine days and three days at a time but I think this duty will not last much longer

The time seames long to see you all and be with you il i hope this ware will let ouls and then i and get hame to spend a few. hopy don't with you all again se have just come in off probet to day ul leave lan out for three days I send my love to gove all and hope to see your all ne a few monthes more got to the redgiment on last skitudy i am happy and contented and leve and fray to god to spare me to get throw this ware safe again if your get a chance to send me my watch to me with eng lody that is coming Cown rend it a long to me

Soldgern is getting played aut but i have only and seare and the monthes to Stay now , think ! can get throw safe and get home again to spend a few more lopped geares with sond my love to you all and hope to see som all in a sent monther more if nothing hopens to sice scothing more at presant but lite soon remember me jant true lase John I Endel

#### Uptons Hill March 3 1863

Dear Parents with plesure i seat my self to write a few lines to you all to let you now that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth the time seames long to see you all but i hope that this ware will not last much longer for i am tiard of it now we are near washington but we have more duty to do here then we had in the front we are on picket every nine days and three days at a time but i think this duty will not last much longer

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The time seames long to see you all and be with you all i hope this ware will be over and then i can get home to spend a few happy days with you all a gain we have just come in off picket to day we have ben out for three days i send my love to you all and hope to see you all in a few monthes more i got to the redgiment on last satudy i am happy and contented and hope and pray to god to spare me to get threw this ware safe again if you get a chance to send me my watch to me with eny lady that is coming down send it a long to me

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Soldgern is geting played out but i have only one yeare and three monthes to stay now i think i can get throw safe and get home again to spend a few more happy yeares with you all i send my love to you all and hope to see you all in a few monthes more if nothing hapens to me nothing more at presant but rite soon

remember me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Mytons Will March the s 1000 My Dear friends I seat my self to write a few lines to imporine four all that I am well at present and hope the few time, may find you all the same the time is long to see Jun all but this nase cannot last for ever I have only one year and love months much to stay in the army and if I live to get threw. Mis nore I will come home and live a happy life with you all again we are at uplow hill now but me are going to mashington ests for to do promoe danty the 1 send my love to saw it

I hope and pray to god. to spall me through this was and let me get home safe again lime is long but trappy will be the day men this warl no ares and all of us old sold gest is not home again i would like to get house for a meete ore so but will nait till spring then i with try for a ferland happy but I am giling liard of this sial for it lasts longer then I thought it would but I think I can stand it the sest of my lime but the i will rever soldges en more me are not fighting for what we want went storked aut ne are fighting for the reaggers send

disne flys fast but me year is a long time in the army lent i hope to god Heat this ware may be seteled till spring for all the soldgers is trand of fighting forniggers i would like to me you all and yend a few happy days with you all if I ame spared to get rafe threw this ware and get home safe again i will not leav home again , have not much to usite to to you now but i send my lave to your all write soon to me do not jurget me remember me jans true son folind buddy Mr John Ho Carddy

#### Uptons Hill March the 7 1863

## My Dear friends

I seat my self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all the same the time is long to see you all but this ware cannot last for ever i have only one year and tooo monthes more to stay in the army and if i live to get threw this ware i will come home and live a happy life with you all again we are at uptons hill now but we are going to washington city for to do provose dauty ther i send my love to you all

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I hope and pray to god to spare me through this ware and let me get home safe again time is long but happy will be the day wen this ware is over and all of us old soldgers is at home again i would like to get home for a week ore so but i will wait till spring then i will try for a ferlow i am in good helth and happy but i am giting tiard of this ware for it lasts longer then i thought it would but i think i can stand it the rest of my time but the i will never soldger eny more we are not fighting for what we ware wen we started out we are fighting for the niggers now

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Time flys fast but one year is a long time in the army but i hope to god that this ware may be seteled till spring for all the soldgers is tiard of fighting for niggers i would ike to see you all and spend a few happy days with you all if i ame spared to get safe threw this ware and get home safe again i will not leav home again i have not much to write to to you now but i send my love to you all write soon to me do not forget me

remember me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Uplois Hill Va Masalin Door Parents with Peruse i seat my self to exite a few sines to let you know that I am well at presant and Scope they few sines snay find you all in the tate of helits The times is long to see jun all but I hape to get home in a few weeks rae are to go on picket to morrow morning and we think this the fast lime we will go on probet sorsive are going to nashington city in is few days a sherd from Samuel Me with last week. he was well I wish you would weste to me and got me the derections to write to uncle ale for a want to write to him

and i was at home of mon for any trand bagt mon but we have only one year and Two month to stay in the asmy and then i hope to get home to spend a few happy monthes with your all 1 send my love to garall and hope to get home un me get to nashing low cell I would to be for see you all and be with you all a few dogs i think that this was will soon be and then I can get home to stay with y an all nathing more at presant but with some to me sementer me jan true son Jahn I Gudde on John He boody

#### Uptons Hill Va March 11 1863

Dear Parents with Plesure i seat my self to write a few lines to let you know that i am well at presant and hope thes few lines may find you all in the same state of helth the times is long to see you all but i hope to get home in a few weeks we are to go on picket to morrow morning and we think this the last time we will go on picket for we are going to washington city in a few days i herd from Samuel Mcbeth last week he was well i wish you would write to me and giv me the derectors to write to uncle abe for i want to write to him

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I wish this ware was over and i was at home again for i am tiard f [of] it now but we have only one year and two month to stay in the army and then i hope to get home to spend a few happy monthes with you all i send my love to you all and hope to get home wen we get to washington city i would like to see you all and be with you all a few days i think that this war will soon be over and then i can get home to stay with you all nothing more at presant but write soon to me remember me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

[Writing in pink ink, upside down, over the top three lines on the back of the letter]

Camp Near Uptons Hill ba Dear Brother 1 recived your letter this morning and i thought i would write a few lines to let you know that , am well at presant and hapling you are all the same the time is long to see you all but i hape to get horne again to spend a few leappy years with you again & have not forgoten gun get ithink of you often use are near washing ton city now we expect to go to the city to grand for al have more duty to do here then we had in the found we go on probet every nine day and stay three at a time

And we are on camp goard every fore days at a time but of we go to the city we will not have much duty to do ther i wist. This ware was over and i was at home again with you all I hope to see the end for this ware for have went threw eight fights and have ban in the airing neolly two years and hack one to stay get a mould like to see you all if i can get a ferlow i will try and get hame to see you all again I wish you would tell me extent is the season that an na don't write to me she has not roat to sure for three weeks of you know the leason write and bet me know I send my love to you all

Dear brother i have not much to write at presant I was on guard at heagenests East night we expect to get payed off in a few days i think this work will not last much more then a nother year I hope to get home to see gave all in a few monthes more nothing more at presant but usite soon to me semember mezans true brother folin I buildy Mr Alfred at buddy

## Camp Near Uptons Hill Va March the 19 1863

Dear Brother i recived your letter this morning and i thought i would write a few lines to let you know that i am well at presant and hopeing you are all the same the time is long to see you all but i hope to get home again to spend a few happy years with you again i have not forgoten you yet i think of you ofton we are near washington city now we expect to go to the city to guard for we have more duty to do here then we had in the frunt we go on picket every nine days and stay three at a time

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And we are on camp guard every fore days at a time but if we go to the city we will not have much duty to do ther i wish this ware was over and i was at home again with you all i hope to see the end fo [of] this ware for i have went threw eight fights and have ben in the army nearly two years and have one to stay yet i would like to see you all if i can get a ferlow i will try and get home to see you all again i wish you would tell me what is the reason that anna dont write to me she has not roat to me for three weeks if you know the reason write and let me know i send my love to you all

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Dear brother i have not much to write at presant i was on guard at hedquartr last night we expect to get payed off in a few days i think this ware will not last much more then a nother year i hope to get home to see you all in a few monthes more nothing more at presant but write soon to me remember me your true brother

John T Cuddy

Mr Alfred A Cuddy

Camp at septons Hill ba March the 22 1863 Dear parents i sect my self to write a few lines to informe goual that i am well at present and hopeing you are all the same i seconed a letter from you yesterday i mas glad to treet from you all i got the Hampas the time is dong to see you all . the first of may ther is fore a hed af me and then I can get one for an days we carrie in aff hicket this morning we ware out for three days we have got mice wether here i would. tipe to see you all again i think This ware will not last much more thin one years get

I have not much to write now list write soon to John Duddy Mi John Ho buddy Camp at Uptons Hill Va March the 27 1863

Dear parents i seat my self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hopeing you are all the same i recived a letter from you yestuday i was glad to here from you all i got the stamps the time is long to see you all i hope to get a ferlow again the first of may ther is fore a hed of me and then i can get one for ten days we came in off picket this morning we ware on for three days we have got nice wether here i would like to see you all again i think this ware will not last much more then one yeare yet

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I have not much to write now but write soon to me i send my love to you all remember me your true son

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

Camp at up tons Hill ta March The 30 1863 Dear pasents i ocat My self to write a few lines to informe you all that I am well at present and hope you are all the Same i recited a letter from anna the otherday and she said that you did not want me to write to los I do not know the reason of it i think She is as nice a girl is i could find around The she is a deacent girl and I wish you would write to me and tell me the reason of it me have nice me thes here i am en for a ferlow and thinks i con get it

till the first of may ue ase still meas mastington get i would like to see this ware once for same load of it send ong live to saw all and hope to see you on a few weeks if get my ferlow nothing muse at present but write Soon to sid semember me John I Endoy Mr John Ho Endey

## Camp at Uptons Hill Va March the 30 1863

Dear parents i seat My self to write a few lines to informe you all that i am well at presant and hope you are all the same i recived a letter from anna the other day and she said that you did not want me to write to her i do not know the reason of it i think She is as nice a girl is i could find aroud ther she is a deacent girl and i wish you would write to me and tell me the reason of it we have nice wether here i am in for a ferlow and think i can get it

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till the first of may we are still near washington yet i would like to see this ware over for i am tiard of it i send my love to you all and hope to see you in a few weeks if i get my ferlow nothing more at present but write soon to me remember me

John T Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy