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1863

Upton's Hill March 3

Dear Parents with pleasure
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 some state of helth the
time seames long to see you
all but i hope that this
warre will not last much long
er for i am tired 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

The time seems long
to see you all and be with
you all i hope this war
will be over and then i can
get home to spend a few
happy days with you all
again we have just come
in off picket today we
have been out for three days
i send my love to you
all and hope to see you
all in a few months now
i got to the regiment
on last study i am
happy and contented and
hope and pray to god to
spare me to get thro' this
war safe again if you
get a chance to send me
my watch to me with
any body that is coming
down send it a long time

Soldiers is getting played
out but i have only
one year and three months
to stay now i think i
can get throw safe and
get home again to spend
a few more happy years
with you all i send my
love to you all and hope
to see you all in a few
months more if nothing
happens to me nothing more
at present but i'll soon
remember me your true son

John J. Cuddy
Mr John J. Cuddy

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

Upton's Hill March the 3 1863

My Dear friends
I seat my self to write a few lines to inform you all that i am well at presant and hope these few lines may find you all the same the time is long to see you all but this war cannot last for ever i have only one year and two monthes more to stay in the army and if i live to get them. This war i will come home and live a happy life with you all again we are at upton's hill now but we are going to washington city for to do promose daily this i send my love to you all

I hope and pray to god
to spare me through this war
and let me get home safe again
time is long but happy will
be the day when this war
is over and all of us old
soldgers is at home again
i would like to get home
for a week or so but
i will wait till spring
then i will try for a furlow
i am in good health and
happy but i am getting tired
of this war 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 soldgers
any more we are not fighting
for what we war we are not
stoked out we are fighting
for the niggers word

Time flys fast but
one year is a long time in
the army but i hope to god
that this ware may be setled
till spring for all the soldiers
is tired of fighting for nigger
i would like to see you all
and spend a few happy days
with you all. if i am spared
to get safe thro this ware
and get home safe again
i will not leave 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 J. Cuddy

Mr John H Cuddy

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 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

1863
Upton's Hill Va March 11

Dear Parents with
pleasure I seat my self to write
a few lines to let you know
that I am well at present and
hope these few lines may find
you all in the ^{same} state of health
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 heard from
Samuel McBeth last week
he was well I wish you would
write to me and give me the
directions to write to uncle
Abe for I want to write to him

From a London Letter

I wish this war was over
and i was at home ^{now} if i
was i am tired but not
but we have only ^{the} one year and
two month to stay in the
army and then i hope to
get home to spend a few
happy months with you all
i send my love to you all
and hope to get home when
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 present but write soon
to me remember me your
true son John J Cuddy
Mr John H Cuddy

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 derectons 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 Va
March the 19 1863

Dear Brother i received
your letter this morning and
i thought i would write a
few lines to let you know
that i am well at present and
hoping 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 forgotten you yet i think
of you often 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 front
we go on picket every nine days
and stay three at a time

And we are on camp guard
every four days at a time but
if we go to the city we will
not have much duty to do
thats i wish this war was
over and i was at home again
with you all i hope to see
the end of this war for i
have went threw eight fights
and have ban in the army
nearly two years and have
one to stay yet i would like
to see you all if i can get a
fellow 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

Dear brother I have not
much to write at present
I was on guard at headquarters
last night we expect to get
payed off in a few days I think
this war will not last much
more than a nother year I hope
to get home to see you all
in a few months more nothing
more at present but write
soon to me remembers me your
true brother John T. Cuddy

Wm Alfred A Cuddy

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 forgotten 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 Upton's Hill Va
March the 27 1863

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

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

J. John J. Cuddy

W. John H. Cuddy

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 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 present 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 as i could find around
ther she is a deacent girl and
i wish you would write to
me and tell me the reason of
it me have nice mether
here i am in for a below
and think i can get it

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

John T Cuddy
Mr John H Cuddy

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

Mr John H Cuddy

John T Cuddy