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Dear Father & Mother

It is near time I would
write to know ^{how} you are

I hope you are all enjoying
the best of health as I am

at present. I am sure you
are uneasy about me by
this time on account of
war: being declared.

There is great excitement
here at present. A Irish

regiment of twelve hundred
& fifty men. left from here

today also. a Regiment
of full blooded Indians

& Blacks. Some of them
are gone towards Cuba.

Don't be uneasy I won't
have to go. unless they

Shot of men. and ^{they} draft
such as me. But I don't think
it will ever come to that
they can raise an army
of Volunteers in very short
time, if they want them
I will ~~will~~ write only a
short note as I am going
to write to Mother soon
I was glad to hear of John
Higgins getting married
I hope they will be happy.
Remember me to all
my well wishers as they
are too numerous to mention
have you heard from Patt.
or John. I didn't. I will
conclude for the present as
I intend to write often while
this trouble lasts. I remain
your affectionate Son
Thos. M. Husk
Good By write soon