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Letters From Home

(NAPS)—During the Civil War, letters from home took on heightened meaning. These writings were the source of morale, courage and romance. Since mail was scarce, soldiers shared messages from home with their comrades. Letters were often read aloud in



“Civil War Minutes” narrator Michael Kraus reads from a soldier’s diary.

the evenings or passed from soldier to soldier. Everyone found reassurance in inspirational words, even if they were originally meant for someone else. Letters from home were carried into the heat of battle, one remaining comfort from home.

Tattered pages, fortunate to have survived the war, provide an intimate look into the mind of the American soldier. They share enduring love stories, the emotional chaos of the Lincoln assassination, and first-hand accounts of the battlefield.

“Civil War Minutes” is a DVD and video program that uses soldiers’ letters to explain how they lived. It’s narrated by Michael Kraus, historical consultant for the film *Gettysburg*. Kraus hopes making this video will preserve the thoughts of these soldiers for generations to come.

For more information on these exciting and educational video and DVD programs, visit www.CivilWarMinutes.com or call 1-877-201-7040.