

Wapakoneta  
April 19, 1861

Dear Cate Nye

I Received your letter just a few minets ago and seen out of it, that your Health was good and thank fortion so is mine. About coming to Sidney tomoro as Saturday Apr. 20. I dont believe I can com.

I think I shal com to Sidney tomoro, a weak\_\_ on 29th of this month. I wroate a few lines to your Father last weak I diten receive no ansawar, I dont know wether he received it or not.

About the house of Mr Youngs I shal let you know in a few days.

I Remain Yours  
Truly J.H. Smith

Wapakoneta  
April 21, 1861

Dear Love C. Nye.

I received your letter Friday last by mail and seen out of it that your Health was good and thank fortion so is mine. I dropt a few words to you writen with a led pencil. I had received yours to let you know more for the mail was very nyc closed You wanted to know about the likenis of mine I fount it out at Saryes, their wher your trunk was standing. I knew it was up their but was afraid it might if bin gon. but I found it and I am very glad of it. I and a hole lot was out at Shimels yesterday, we left town at two oclock and came back at half past nine in the evening. We had a torable nice tyme. All ared? our crowd was you after we was at Shimels, Every one said I wish Cate Nye was hear. It apears like every body was morning for your absents, I couldend injoy myself at al because you wasent their. When several spoke about you, Cate Herbst and Mary Harm downharted and the tears shoed in their eyes, until they hat struck it out of ther mind. I only let you know that I couldend com on saterday last.

I have bin thinking a mania tyme about you sience we parted. I hoape it wont last but a few days and we shal see one an other again.

I Remain Your True Lover  
J.H. Smith

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Columbus  
April 27, 1861

Dear

I receieved your letter but had no tyme to answar I receieved your letter and was very glad to do so I seen in it that you had to cry to when you read the letter I send you. I an Casper & John Distelroth we volenteard and left Wapak. on wednesday last My hart was broken when I past Sidney and couldend see nor speak to you, and then I nearly fainted when whe had past Sidney and the boys had seen you and you was a crying perhaps you must of seen me beceaus I was in the lastest car in the last window about half ways leaning out but could not see you and I was so anaras? [anxious] to see you but it was in vain O how my hart was longing for to take goodby of you witch might of bin the last tyme. O how I would like to of prest your sweet lips to mine and kist them and prest your boasum to mine. Meby for the last tyme witch I shal not hoape, nor I dont acsily? [necessarily] think that it is as mutch danger as we might think. They are Eighteen of our crowd or my crowd wich has volintierd to go to war and fight for life. I and al the boys they are One hunderd and Fifty two volintiers, this evening the Wapakoneta crowd came about Eighty Six of them Whe had to take the soft side of the flore for our beds and bred and coffee and a few potas for breckfest, bred and water for diner and a litle raw meat and bred and water for super, but sil plenty fun, Exsept the last night we campt under the States House and took our Supper at the State House a good supper. Better than whe had sience we left home, in the morning we wont git our breckfest til half past ten o clock. But stil we dont care about how we do git our grub, for we are all helthey and as funny as you pleas theirfor dont be downharted for it hand have the danger as the report is around the cuntry We wil start I think a monday or soon as we can to Siota River at Cara/Caro? An if we dont git away next monday, we shal go as soon as we can becaus we belong to the first Company in the Fifteen Regment Do not trouble your self about me becaus I hope to see you again and that very soon.

Becaus I think they are enough men befor us that we dont need to git in the fire

I have thought a menia tyme of you since I past Sidney and befor I past it I thought I had to see you when we past Sidney.

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They are about Six Thousand Volintiers in Columbus this morning they an several  
Companys agoing to live today and the are a going to war about as fast as they are a  
coming in town. You can avarage one thousand every day coming to Columbus and about  
the same ar alieving.

I have no tyme wright any more to you for this tyme. You can drop a few lines to me as  
soon as you recive these in a hurry writen few lines I am a laying in the State House on  
they side and have wroate these few lines in a hurry and am about tierd for this tyme.

O My Dear Love Don Git Down heartert for I ame purty shure I shal see you again. So no  
more.

We are all sworn in and have to stay. Yo adrcs the letter to me as soon as posible.

J. H. Smith  
Volintier of the St Marys Co.  
Columbus Ohio

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Columbus  
May 5, 1861

Dearest and beloved One Cate Nye.

I take my pen in hand to inform you for the third tyme this is the third Letter I wright to you sience I left Wapakoneta they was Seventeen Volentierd besids me and joint the St. Marys Gurd under the Capten of Mr Gagen Samual Mot first Lutement. When we past Sidney I was looking out the last window in the last carr out of the same on where Jake Zangline was looking out. Wher I tried my best to see you, wich I could not do, after we had past Sidney. Casper & John Distelroth told me that you was their and they had seen you Jake Zangline holerd when he seen you for he seen you a crying and he wanted to show you to me but the train past you so quick that he couldent I thought I had to jump out of the window to go back and take goodbuy of you but I hoape that you dont think more les of me. Dont be downharted for I shal hunt you up no difERENCE wher you are after I have gone to war and have went threw a few batels [battles]. No difERENCE if you are maried agin thad tyme for I shal and must see you once more if poseble, I think of you every day thinking it wont be but a few days and I shal be in your arms and you in mine. When we can love each other as we did befor My derest one now living I woul-dend if Volintierd but I might go just as wel now as after while and then maby I coul-dend be with no friends and had to volintier with a lot of strangers and had no sight of being lookt uppon when I might if bin or got Cripelt?? wher I can be sadisfied now and go and fight and see the blod Rusel down the diches like rivers and wad in it up to my nees[knees]. I shal do it if poseble, befor I shal give up the Stars and Strips, befor I shal loos every drop of blod, befor I shal back a inch if needed. Dont be afraid for no bulit [bullet] can hurt nor tuch me.

Oh do not be downharted on account of me lieving and joining the Soilsiers [Soldiers] and do not think that we wont meat each other again for I havend volintierd longer then three months and I think I shal see you befor that tyme.

So no more fore this tyme for I have no tyme of it is Sunday and I must dril eight hours yet today I havend tyme to go to church.

Those few lines are writen in a hurry, you can find more tyme to wright and to weed

those few lines, then I have. You will find the adres wich cant miz me.

Your true lover  
J.H. Smith

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Columbus  
May 15, 1861

Dearest

We arrived Columbus Monday evening at nine o'clock. Where we are yet. I just find a few minutes time and when I am at leisure where I can drop a few lines to you my dear. I and all the balance except three or four was sworn in to a Regiment and was mustered where the above said men were found unfit for war and was thrown out and sent home they could not find no fault about me when they examined me at least we were examined so closely so as to send me back the Doctor looked at my breast [eyes] hands and spoke a few words and then he said that I was all right and send me in the ranks where I was sworn in for three months to the fifteenth Regiment Company E. We got orders yesterday that we were to leave this camp next Thursday and go to Zanesville [Zanesville] Muskingum Co in to an other camp this morning we got an other report that we shall have to leave tomorrow morning at three o'clock. I think they are a little humbug about it and I can't tell the true thing yet. I don't know how I left Wapak I left it nearly without any thoughts after I had stepped in to the cars I didn't think of hardly anything it appeared like if I was miles of all my thoughts it kind [kind] appeared just like I was going in my grave and would never see daylight any more. I don't know the reason. Probably it might be on account of—abusing me but thank fortune it didn't last very long. As soon as I arrived the camp new love was in me and nearly all sorrow was out of my bosom I had to stand guard again from last night at twelve o'clock it this morning Sun up and got pretty cold till morning.

I didn't see Leon Halbig any more and he didn't pay me anything then he owes me \$5.00 yet. Please hand him this little paper which you will find in here. don't do nothing yet about money before you write first.

I and John Distelroth went in town yesterday afternoon after noon and remained two hours and on coming home we past a lot of young girls or more so a small lot of Ladies [Ladies] and as we past they spoke up and said Soldiers please give us a kiss. I and John give a couple a kiss a piece and they were so many rushed up and all wanted a kiss so that we had

to lieve and say an other tyme would suit better. We had no more tyme at present we then went on and was very much astonished about those fine litle girls then what we dit kiss were very wel pleased and I think—but doud doud [dout doubt] about what I have wroat you that I wont be true to you I shal never be fals[false] to you my Deer we just kist a few of them for our Develment. Becaus the wantet us to, it was on main street, on the pavement wher the was a playing together singing and talking & H.  
My pen is poor, My ink is pail, my love to shal never fal [fail]. hoaping these few lines may finde you in good health.

Your Tru Lover and Honest B

J.H. Smith

Filson Historical Society



Zanesvile O.  
May 26, 1861

Dear Love Cate Nye

I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am wel at present and hoape to continue on the same and hoape those few lines may finde you in good humer My Deer Cate I would if wroat sooner to you but could not get no paper nor envelop. We left Columbus and went to Zanesvile last wecak on the 14 day of May We was sworn in at Columbus on the 13 day of May one day before we left Columbus We are at Camp Godder about one mile and a half from Zanesvile. Last sunday I and Casper went to town and found a neas [niece] of here I took dimnar and she and her father and Mother Brothers & Sisters was very glad to see us and so was we glad to finde them She toald that she would dew for us all what was in her power was our cloas and so forth. A very good thing for us. This Camp is a grade ill better one then the Camp at Columbus This Camp yous to be a fair ground just one like the fair ground at Dayton. We Cook for our self now eight men countet to a mes Casper is cook bass [boss] and very nye all are cooks. We git better to eat then at Columbus for we ar cowntet good cooks and finde it better to cook our selvs the only Complaint is that we dont git to town awfen a neaugh We have only bin to Zanesvile ones sience we are hear and no chans giting out. We are just pent up like if we was in a penatensary but stil no diferens we shal have to stand it, I dont know how long we shal stay in this Camp, they is no saying & I dont know.

O Deer Cate my hart bleats every tyme I think of you My Dearest and Sweatest Love but stil it cant be helpt for a few days yet & I hoape I shal be in your midst in a short tyme for the is no fighting going on that I can hear of the

These two lines have been cut out of the letter. A note on other side stated—Please and hand this strip to John Smith my Brother.

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this simer of go home he cant tel. O Dear I cant harly finish those few lines without crying—thinking that I hat to leave my home with the Blessing I got of several—at Wapakoneta, but stil it wont do to think over wat has past.

I ditent receive your letters til yesterday When I seen your beloved thoughts & wishes.

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O Dearest & Betrofed [Betrothed] one I cant wright enough in this sheet of paper to pres  
my thought on the.

So no more at present, the Addres is as

J.H. Smith

Care of Capt. W.V.M. Layton

Camp Godder

Zanesvila Muskingum Co. Ohio

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Burton Virginia  
May 30, 1861

Dear & Beloved Cate Nye

I received your letter this morning across the Ohio River [at Benwood] from Bellare in Virginia. I was very glad to hear from you I received the letter you sent by Mr Samuel Mott at Zanesville. We left Zanesville day before yesterday and went to Belair there we camped over night then we crossed the Ohio River & went to Benvent where we took the train for south and when we got to.

We got a dispatch that we had to go back that the Secessionists had torn the bridges away and we could not cross we went back to Benvent where we were last night in the freight cars. We don't ride in passenger cars any more we have to ride in freight cars on account of getting the T. Cars spoiled or shot through. There were several cars of soldiers went on this R.R. and they had to fight their way through. We received our uniforms partly guns, cartridges, capes & H. I don't believe any one would know us if we should get to Wapak with our leather strapping or more so, our harness. We got our cartridge boxes fixed [fit], Cap Boxes also this morning we got order that we shall go back where we started to go yesterday. We started at about eleven o'clock today from Benvent and stopped at Burton. Where we shall stay over night and go further in the morning. We are in the enemy's country now and think we shall have to shoot, kill, burn tomorrow & H at Draffen where we shall go tomorrow. They are 4000 Secessionists and we or our Regiment & three more shall try them a rip and see what we can do. I think we can clean them out without much trouble. We got our tents this evening. Large enough for ten men to sleep in. We are living a regular camp life & soldier life. We shall have to take the ground for our beds under our tents to night & we don't get but a little to eat this evening. We only got three loaves of bread for supper for our whole company not a mouthful for one of us but we will get more in the morning.

So we can't say much if we have to go hungry to rest we won't starve any how we didn't eat any thing since morning & that was very little. Maybe again tomorrow this time I can see Brother friends lying in blood which I won't hope & don't think that the Secessionists can get the chance to hurt us any thing of any account. After we got through at Draffen, Va., we were told we had to go straight to Harpers ferry & fight for God Sake, So No More. I have

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no tyme. You can adres to as below. I think I shal git it the quickest

Your Truly & Oncst  
J. H. Smith

Care of Capt W.V.M. Layton  
Reg 15 Comp K  
Bellaire, Ohio

Writing on top of first page— No yours in sending money yet.

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Grafton, Va.  
Saturday June 8, 1861

Dearest & Beloved Cate.

I take my pen in hand, to inform you that my health has bin good so far, wich I hoape those few lines may finde you in the same state of health. We left Burten last wednesday & arived at this place, at next morning, part of our Regiment has hat a small fight at Philips wher our boys fierd on them, they was about Hundert fourteen Cesesioners in that place and they was about five or six hurred of our boys, they fired on them with canon-ens unxpectetly, so that they had no tyme to look for their arms, they broak & run & left the town. They took 400 stand of arms off them, about fourty nice horses & provisions to, Enough to feed us about two weeks & We or they have prosessions of that town & all they houses & every thing now, it is about 14 miles south west from this place. They was fourteen hundert Sesioners in this place but when they heard that we was coming cloast they pact up & left & went to Harpers Ferry & not one about this place to be found. How meny they kild at Philippi, We dont know, they was several found in the woods that they had caried along and let them lay. Night befor last I and four more in our company was on Piket Guard wher the report com they was two of our Company detacted at a bridge about 25 miles east from hear In they moring when us five came to our tents Wher we slep Every one of our company was gone & several more companys of our Regiment whent with them We herd then that they went down to that brige. We havend heard nothing of them yet. They left night befor last about half past eleven. What we was toald by the companys, the report came yesterday they had a litle fight their but it hant certain yet We are stil waten for report, our first Lutenent was left with us and ditend know of eny thing til yesterday morning when we came back from our guard posts. I think they wil be back to day or at least in a few days previding they need more help, Wich I dont believe that they do. We is stil giting cloaser to Harpers Ferah. Wher we expect to have a big fight for al the Cesesioners are leaving, Every place & going to Harpers Ferah. We have some of our troops stationed all around Harpers ferah & leting no profision going in to it. So that they wil have to starve in it. I have no more tyme to wright & no more place on this paper. Excitend plenty, purty hard tymes. Several tymes we don without eating

two & three days but stil that dond hurt much.

I have wroat a leter to you at Burten and dit not receive no answer yet, dont know weath-  
er you received it or not. You can adres just as below & write it plain.

Mr J.H. Smith  
Care of Capt. W.V.M. Layton  
Company K. Regiment 15  
Grafton, Taylor County, Virginia

Wright me all the newest news in Wapak. I wish I could give you one Kiss a day.

Know yous in sending money, not befor I write for you to send it, I could need it but if  
you would send I wouldnt git it. So dont send it befor I tel it to you. You can let me  
know how they Dr. are saying. [ this was wrote all around the letter in very small writ-  
ing, very hard to read.]

Rowlesburg, Preston Co., Va.  
June 14, 1961

Your Dearest and Beloved one

I take my Pen in hand to inform you thad my health is good Hoping those few lines may finde you in the same Gods Blessing. Yesterday I received two letters from you . One datet on the 30 of last month and the other on the fifth of last month. You wroat that you ditent receieve but one letter of me sience I left, the last tyme I wroat four and I think five if I hanst mistaken, four I know for shure but I am over four hundert miles from you and the letters some tymes gits mis laid, like one of yours wich I receievd yesterday one was on they way over a month & a week. You wroat it on the 5 of May & I reccievd on the 14th of June but the other one came quick enough. I think they must two letters on the way now for I wroat the two last ones last weak, one of them was I think last mon-day. You wil recieve them in a few days, that is if you havent got them yet. You wroat that you kind a think that I have forgotten you. You are badly mistaken & hoape you dont think the like eny more, for you trouble yourself about something wich haint so. You wanted to know about them few winds, I put in the last letter about me being abused or such way that was you know about. What I and the old man had togeather. So dont trouble your self about that. I havent much tyme to wright to you this tyme for the train wil be hear in a short and I must hurry so that I can send this letter with Tom Gibs. News is giting better. We rec'd our unoform day befor yesterday. You can see how they are for Tom Gibs wil take his along, I think meby he wont take his over coat along. Their you can see how they look.

I was electet as Sargent a weak or better ago and have about just as much again to tent to then I had befor. Stil the whole Company must mind me just as quick as the Capten. Know yous to say eny thing about it for it wil be around Wapak today, enyhow & about Jo Schubert the he hat to watch you, that haint so, for he told that out of his own head. Do not say eny thing to eny body if he says enything the like.

Your True Lover  
J.H. Smith.

the addrees  
Care of Capt. W.V.M. Layton  
Rowlesburg, Preston Co., Va.  
Com K. 15 Reg.

Rowlesburg, Preston Co., Va.  
June 19, 1861

Dearest and Beloved one Cate Nye,

I take my pen in hand to inform you that my Health is good Hooping those few lines may find you in the same Gods Blesing. Just receieved a sweet few lines of you. I have receieved four letters from you this wecak. I receieved two last monday One yesterday & one today. The first two was maild one on the 30 of April & the other on the 5th May. The one I recd yesterday was maild on the 10th June & the one I got today was maild on the 14th of June. The two last ones came very quick but the two first ones was about five weaks on the way I have wroat one letter this weak & this is the seckent one. News plenty sience yesterday. I & 6 men Got on dewty at a trusel, day befor yesterday at 12 oclock and got relieved yesterday at 12 oclock, while we was their the report came that the Sescisionors hat burnt the 21 Bridges about 40 miles from hear and that they had bin a Company of 72 men had bin on Guard and the Sescisionors had Kild & captured them except two wich made their ascape. But that the 72 men had fought like tikens and we was toald that the ground was coverd with Sescisionors but stil they wasent enough of them to save them selfs, that they was 2800 of Sescisionors we understand that the 2800 was coming hardder & harder towards us, they ar trying to burn every R.R. Bridge they can git at. Yesterday sience they was eleven trains came from the east. So as to keep from being captured by the Sescisionors last evening, they was a ful train of our men came from Grafton to asist us, they fetcht a canon along with them. All wel armt. Just like myself & all the company we are prepairt for them. We are waiting for an atact by those 2800 tonight. We have then in a close corner now for they is a Rigment of Snafs?? on the other side & we are on this side, so that we cant help but whipping them. That is if they dont take laig [leg] bute [butt] & run & they must run most. Run most awful fast to keep us from giving them hell if we ever git in side of them we wont have pity on none of them, becaus they acted so with them 72 men, they have have to travel by foot for we have all the Tugines & Cars in our posesion & they have none. We are all like blody tikens if we ever git, git ahold of them now, it wil be a Blody tyme. I have no more tyme to write eny news for it might make you think—You wantet to know about the tyme I



signed for. The company was calt together day befor yesterday and Mr Andrews spoak a few words to us & then he said all the three year men step three pases in front. So they was 18 & the 3 Ofiesers stept out. Now yous is thinking of me listing for three years, no danger I shal stay til my three months is over & no longer. Except I see they is danger towards the Union wich I dont think & you wantet to know about my knee, my knee is as good as ever and dond feal enything. So dont be frightient about eny thing.

I Remain Yours True Beloved  
J.H. Smith

the Addres  
Care of Capt. W.V.M. Layton  
Rowlesburg, Preston County, Virginia  
Com. K 15 Reg.

Filson Historical Society

Rowlesburg, Preston Co., Va.  
June 24, 1861

Dearest

I take the oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you I receivet a few from you and one letter inclosed with it for Mr John Distelroth witch I handed to him in a few minuts after I recd it he was very much pleaset with it. They wouldnt be no yous in wrighting yet for I have wroat some [3] letters sience last wednesday wich I know that you havent recd yet but stil I cant keep from wrighting you. I have wroat I dont know how menny but they are at least ten or eleven I receieved some five letters from you sience I left you the last tyme. You was badly mistaken about Jo Schubert riting fals [false] to me about you I only recd one letter of him since I left him! But they isent eny thing wrong about or in it, if you wish I can sent it to you and let you read it or I shal keep them all til I com back and then you can read it and if you finde enything in it wrong in it you can tel me of it. But so far I havent heard nor red enything about you out of they way yet sience I left you Dont trouble yourself about me believing eny thing wrong about you. All what Jo wroat to me about you is! he wroat to me that you was all wright and not a silable more consirming you theirfor dont think nor write enything the like to me for it makes me feel bad. Everytyme you wright enything the like to me for it makes me thing every tyme that you misturst me. You know that I wouldend believe enything on the wrong scale about you. If I should hear enything in eny way the like I would wright to you and tel you about it befor I would believe enything such. Thierfor dont mention eny more such, for you know that I told you befor we partet that I wouldnt believe enything what I would hear about you, theirfor I dont want to hear eny more such foolish things from you. I hoape you will not do it enymore not that you might think that I was mad about it, O no, but stil all you put in your letters about such things you waste that, for they is no yous in it. Pleas and dont do it no more for al wrong thoughts you make yourself about me you do for nothing. I thought that you know me better then to think such & morso to write it to me. I ditent like to write it to you becaus you might think or mistrust the more but I think you remem-ber what I told you befor we partet.

Be without trouble & do not trouble yourself about me. News I havend much tyme to

wright to you for I dont think they is eny yours, for it might make you feel bad. I took a Seseion Maygor [Major] day befor yesterday I was put on Piket Guard last saturday noon about 3/4 of a mile high on a hil and in the evening I atatet [attack] him and took him to Head Quarters and hat him sworn and all the Officesers was very glad and me that I was on duty last night they fetcht ten Seseioners on tencer? \_\_\_\_\_?, an one hat, two guns and several pistels.

Yesterday I just wished you was with me, wile I was on the Hil, I just Et [eat] as menia strawberys I could swallow, on that hil I can see at least twenty miles around and see clear to the Rockey mountens, Blew [Blue] Rig [Ridge] & Lime Stone Mountens and God nows what all.

My paper is giting to an end or at least the ful of the last page on this sheet Dear Cate dont be afrait that I dont be or dont stay true to you. I dont care how or what you do while I am gon for I know that you have sience enought and know what to do and if I should hear enything out of the way I would not believe it or do you think I would—o no Dearest & Beloved Cate I shal never believe enything such or if enybody should try to write enything the like to me I wouldnt belive it but I shal let you now \_\_?\_\_ would if don. I havenet much tyme to say eny more. I hoape this is the last I must curect [correct] you in such away for I thought you have got more trust in me. My Pen is poor, my ink is pail, My Love to you shal never fail. So no more at present.

Your true Lover  
J.H. Smith

the adres  
Care of Capt. W.V.M. Layton  
Rowelsburg, Preston Co., Va.  
Com K. 15 Reg.

Rowlesburg, Preston Co., Va.  
June 30, 1861

Dear

I take the liberal oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you. Rather scares of paper but stil it dont make a difabiterance about it. Wel I shal give you a smal disscription of my Jurney sience I left my home, Wapakoneta You My Sweet Litle Dear and all the balence or morso left my Naytive home. Comencing at the foot of the Wapak Depot wher we or I had joint the St Marys Guard about one hour befor I left. Wher I signt my name at H. Fishers Tavern I then left on the 4 Oclock Train under Capt Gagons Comand. Wher we went in and on the D.& M. R.R. as far as Piqua wher we got switched of on the Columbus R.R. with the pashenger car wher we was in pasing threw amenia place til we arrived Columbus All along the road wher ever they was a house they was chearing don and Laydis waved their Hankechiefs some waved peases of white muslin all the people was very comodating wher we past clear on to the Capetal of Ohio.[Columbus]. When we arived at about eleven Oclock at night wher we got out of the cars and had the first race part of the other companys was befor us We comenst to run race wher we upset five or six miles we run threw their companys and we arived at the state house at first. Wel Done. Beat then on the first race. wher we was halted and then orderd to the Medical Colage. wher we slept for the first tyme on the flour wich was made out of solid rock, out Boots for our pilow. wher we slep as sound as a dollar til morning and then took our breckfast witch was bred, meat & watter. witch the St Marys boys had featcht from home. their we had to stay until noon wher we took our diner, as above mentiont at breakfast, then we had to stay til supper pend up and then eat supper the same as break-fast & dinner. And So On.

We kep on in the Medical Colage for three days & three nights & then we was ordent to the State House wher we took our bunks under the platform wher they was several loads of straw Hold their to sleep on it their we got some Kivers [covers] somthing simular to a horse blanket wher we restet very well their we was or bunket afor three days & three nights

wher we was orderd to Camp Jacson Several Hunderd yards North of Columbus Wil we

bunkd under the St. House We took our grub at the Amercan House wich was the best we had wile I was with the company in Camp Jacson we took our grub at a bording house, the farm side was the payling fence & the back end made of Plank & the cover or Roof made of Plank their we drild day after day from five to eight hours per day [being hard wirk] our grub was poor no chance harly to git out of camp to git in town Buy something. Stil several tymes we past out. Broak out run over the Guard line jumpt ove the payling fence & went to town a menia one was put in the Guard House then again one of us took or hoakt one of the Lutenents soard then martchet over the Guard line then broak & went to town their we set the Hour & Place wher to meat & then we martchet in Camp again . after a weak or so after we got in Camp Jacson we or the Capt thought he could better himself & git beter Bording House we left the old place and then we went in an other one Build the same as the other one but we was cheated & we had les and poorer things to eat then at the first one, we only staid a day & Returnt back to the old place again. their we staid again until we left the camp on thursday May 10 we got kind of Bakey Beceaus the St Marys boys votet Capt Gagen out & Put Lut Mott in for Captain then Mr Gagan give us a furlow to go home. We then jont the Wapakoneta Guard on the 11th of May. We started for home in the morning at 6 1/2 Oclock by R arrived at Wapakoneta at about Noon. wher we marcht up town from one Grocery to an other. only 16 teen of us had a furlow as you know on the 12 we all went to church and all and everybody was glad to see us. we martchet in Ranks to Church by the come of our Capt W.V.M. Layton after Church we took Dinner at Rev. Father A. Herbstreit and Tryaid our self fine we had a splended dinner us 16 teen & our Laydis of Wapak atleast those witch consumed us Sixteen. Plenty Wine & Beer to Drink until evening wher we partd as good & sound as ever. an the evening befor that is on saturday evening we had a Nice Dance at C. Merkleys wich lastet until morning wher all the young ladys was presend Expesly you wich I cared the most about & shil wil care the most about when you ar about.

I take the oppertunaty to drop or rite a few wirds more on Monday May 13th. We left Wapak again left my native home and you My Dear but when ever I think about the tyme when I & you partd it make me fel Happy becaus I think every tyme of that Sweat Kis we

give each other when we parted at the R.R. left on the train we changed cars at Piqua arrived at Columbus at about 11 O'clock at night. then marched out the Camp Jackson there we staid for some time then started from Columbus on the 17th of May and went to Zanesville O. about one & a half mile in Camp Goddard Muskingum Co. Ohio. There we cooked for ourselves for the first time. Kept on cooking and drilling and on 20 of May we had our first dress parade and from then every evening until we left. Sunday May 26th we was all marched to Church by Capt W.V.M. Layton and returned after Church back in camp again. Received our Muskets in the afternoon. Started from Zanesville on the 28th of May to Bellair by R.R. arrived at Bellair about five O'clock in the afternoon where we was marched in Ranks to a House where we slept until about one or two O'clock where we woken and got our Cartridges [cartridge] Belts, Pans and the Ball except wampum?? in the morning about six O'clock we crossed the Ohio River & went to or in to Benwood then we got into freight cars and went on for Burton but was sent back after we got to the ladies fetched us something to eat we went back to Benwood where we staid til next day then we left again and went to Burton where we got off and put up our tents for the first time there we staid for some time and around Burton we went scouting every once and a while and Captured twenty three Secessionists Tuesday June 4th we left Burton & went to Grafton where we staid til the 7th Except me & twelve men which was left. on the 6th in the morning I and twelve Besides me was put on Picket Guard around Grafton and in the Night at about Half past Eleven O'clock they was Seven Dispatches one after another came for help that they was to be detached Our Company & Several others left & went to Rowlesburg about 29 miles from Grafton and in the morning 7th day of June at the Breakfast I and the balance found out that we was left behind & we was told that the Balance of Co K had gone to the Bridge. On the 8th Capt came back and took all of us except me & five more and I was Elected as Sergeant on Sunday June 9th I drewed rations for us six men and I crossed the trussel Bridge and went to town to Church after Church I went back Cooked Dinner for the Boys & staid in Camp until evening where there was a Preacher came in Camp and held a sermon. He had a very nice sermon. Monday the 10th of June I drewed rations again and then I went to town til about eleven then started back to camp and as I came in camp Lieutenant came and took me and the balance of us and took us to Rowles-

burg wher I am yet an Tuesday June 11 I was put on duty as Comandor of Several of Our Company and Some out of two more companys until wednesday noon wher I turnt back to camp & so on. On the 16 June as on Saturday night as we was a sleep we was al woken at about eleven oclock and was Orderd to Load and March out in Ranks for the News came that the enamee[enemy] was near and when we was watching about two hours the train came from Grafton wher we turnt back to our room and slep sound til morning with the gun in our arms. On the 19th June the report came that they Seseasionors had burnt the 31ed Brige and then run agan about 25 mile east from hear and so on. On Saturday evening June 29th the report came that they Capt Millers men had kilt a Seseasion Leutenent and one Privet and Captuered One Mule One Horse and Kilt One Horse. On sunday June 30th Capt Millers and an other Capt came with the strait news Millar and 40 of his men went out scouting last saturday morning and went about 15 mile south wher the restet for to stay over night at about 4 oclock they seen some Seseasion Spies on horses they road past then and Mr Millar haltet them they werlt ther horses and run then them on horses Shot in to Millers men wile the was runing then the Seseasionors broak every direction Capt Millor shot the Leutenent and the balance of the fourty fierd to and kilt two more Seseasionors and one of the Seseasion kilt one of Millers men in the head & kild him Miller catcht one nice mule and one horse Kilt one horse you can see the balance in the lower half—another letter starts—

Rowlesburg July 1, 1861

Dear

I take my pen in hand to end the balance or my few lines I have comenst on the other small sheat above this one—Stopt on that one yesterday and comenst this today again I receivet a letter from you about ten minutes ago and was very glad to hear from you. I shal end the fight witch I comenst on the boton of the above few lines. Yesterday about 10 oclock they fetcht the ded man of Millers Co that was kild by the Seseasion last evening. I seen him and we all was very sorry of losing our Union man but stil it cant be helpt I seen mule and the horse & the sadle they send the man home by R.R. and the band plaid a Ded March wile four of their men carred him to the train but the three Seseasion

they took their money, Pistols, Sords and their laid them in the woods on a old log. In the after noon I gad on dewty with 12 men and a Korparal about 1/2 mile from Rowlesburg and I got of today about ten oclock an undertook to end this letter. Wile I was wrighting. We was orderd to form ranks that we was to have some money. We don so and we got one months pay and the balence we wil git some other tyme. The boys are all glad I think that we wil all be at home about fifteenth of July. I dont know exacly I shal let you know better the next tyme. My health is good wich I hoape these few lines may finde you in the same state of health. We have bin wating for a fight for some tyme it looks like if we shouldent git into eny becans if we ever git close enough to Secesionors Brakes & Runs & if we do git purty close on them it never last long. I shal end these few in a bury Writin few wirds and Remain your Truest and Beloved.

Yours Respecfully & the adres is

J.H. Smith. Sirg.

Rowlesburg, Preston Co. Ohio  
Care of Capt W.V.M. Layton  
Com. K. 15 Reg.



Camp Brown  
Cleveland, O.  
Sept 17, 1861

O Dearest & Beloved one Cate Nye.

I take the liberal oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you hoaping those few lines may finde you in good helth in wich I finde mine at present for my helth is very good & I am giting fat , stout and healthy. I would of wroat to you sooner but I couldend on account of not being mustert in we got mustert in to serves last sadurday & was sworn in to sirvice. What I have to write to you isent very much but as the saying is litle but sweet the same as [u] I have thought about you day & night & cand finde much plesior when I think of you for I cand enjoy my self in the last panickel but stil I think that it wont be so very long befor I see you again & how I shal be yours then for ever. Stil I like my situation very well & every one of our men like & loves me and every one would give the last drop of blud if needed. Adam Wolf arived hear last week & received one Boof wich was sent by you & I was very glad to hear from you. Casper is Seckent Sargent and Androw Kohler fifth Sargent. And several more of our Wapak Boys has small Oficeses. I was elected as Seckent Luitenant. I got as menia voates as Capten Gust Wintzer run agin me & wher he seen that he couldend do eny thing he backet out. We have a good Camp hear & fine & nice ground & Shady & H.

What I have to you is as folowes those few orders & letter you hand to the signd on the back of the letters as Loid Halkey & Hank. Hank can pay you in money & Halkey can give you a order to Bitters Stone & you take it out in goods for you.

I understand thad you was going to rush Jo Schubert on that noat [note]of hisen You what I told you that you shouldend collect Joes exept I let you know or if I shouldend come back then you can collect Joes noat not befor nor can you collect Jo Smith. All the balence account you can collect. that is Hanks. Loid Halkey & the ballence I shal let you the next tyme. Loid Halkey \$

Hank \$ 3.50

Addres  
J.H. Smith 2 Luit.  
Co. C. 37 Reg . Camp Brown  
Cleveland, Ohio

Camp Brown  
Cleveland, O.  
Sept. 20, 1861

Dearest and beloved one Cate.

I take the oppertunaty to drop a few <sup>~</sup>lines to you my dear I receieved a few lines of you yesterday & found a small strip of paper in it witch toald me that you was sick & hard sick and it says that you would like to see me again I tried to come but I could not on account of the Capt going home I think that after he comes back I can git a furlow to come & see again we was musterd in last sadurday Our boys has got their unoform and they are all well pleaset. I always thought that I could git to go home last week but I was mistaken I had so much to do that I could harly do enything els Pleas & excues me for not writing the first weak I had comenst a letter for you three tymes and could not end it. and an other thing we had no ink and I had comenst them with a led pensil witch I have in my trunk.

O. Dearest dont bother your head about it that I ditent wright sooner theirfor I wont nor shant nor couldend give you up theirfor dont bother yourself about me the least pentickel for never never shal I loven befor you for I cant do it when I saw your letter from the out side I was so glad but when I saw on the extra that you was sick and longt for me then my heart nearly broak and I couldnot help but cry.

O. Dear dont bother your mind about me and you will get better soon Perhaps I shal see you in a few days Again and then I shal pres your sweet lips to mine and give you a sweet kiss once more. I shal close my few in a hurry writen few wirds. This is the third letter I send you and you wil find several accounts in the other ones witch you can collect.

Your One True Lover

J.H. Smith 2 Luit.  
of Co. C. 37 Rig.  
Camp Brown  
Care of Capt. Chs. Hipp  
Cleveland, Ohio

Pleas and answer those few lines and let me know how ar giting. Hope those few lines may find you in good health.

Camp Canelton  
Western Va.  
Nov. 20, 1861

Dearest and Sweetest Kate

I take the sweet opportunity to drop a few lines to you my dearest one. I would if I wrote to you sooner but attend the chances. I received two letters from you since I wrote the last one to you. You will have to excuse me for not writing any sooner for we have been in such a situation so that the mail could hardly be sent to Ohio on account of not being near the river nor close to a Rail Road. Since we left Camp Dennison we were nearly on a strait march only our company on account of having the youngest and strongest company we had hardly arrived at Camp Pyatt [Piatt], our Company had to cross the river and scout for three days and nights. As we returned from Batona to Camp Pyatt the next day we had to go back to Batona and stay there for four days on account of the citizens [citizens] being afraid of being attacked for they had a Union section at Batona. After that we returned to Camp Pyatt. When we arrived there we seen none of our Regiment there, then we left and followed them up and found them at Camp Canelton at this camp the next day we had to cross the River to Camp Montgomery. A few days after I had to go a scouting with half the company where we caught one Sessé Piket we seen him on a hill with two other ones they run and hid so that we could not find nor see them any more this one as soon as he seen that there was no chance for him to run he threw his gun a way, threw his pistol away and all the ammunition [ammunition] he had and gave himself up we took him to camp gave him his gun and Pistol and cartridge box & H. and send him to Columbus. The next day the Major took sixteen men of our company a scouting and left Sergeant Schreder with Mikel Kopf back on Piket about two miles from Camp about two hours we seen Sergeant Schreder a running without a hat as pale as death past our tent and run to the cornfield and fell down before it we all did not know what to think nor to say after he got up he said that Mikel Kopf was killed by the Sesses he said that there was several shots fired from a hill down upon them and that Mike fell before his feet and was dead. Then we with several other companies went there to scout all around but could not find Mike nor Sesses then we returned towards camp about two miles from camp we found Mike Kopf but he was dead the shot had stuck his head in the back part but not deep enough to kill him we laid

him on a board and caried him in Camp to the Hospital we got to camp about ten Oclock  
at night Raining as hard as could be and we was all a wet as—C—a—t—s

A few days after we hat to go on Piket guard til next day as we returnt to camp We the  
whole Rigement hat to go with Brigade General Benham and a God meny other rigement.  
then we hat to travel day and night. Thirteen Rigemt of us thas as folows; Ours for one  
37, 44th two , 36th three, 34th four, 26th , 23ed, 22 ed, 19th, 13th, 12th, 10th, 9th & 7th. a  
good meny peopel you just aught if seen the peopel and six canons went with us we then  
went toward the enama [enemy] we heard that they was two Generals with their men on  
Cotton Hill well Blockatet as we got to larl [Laurel] Hill they run like white heads we  
foloed [followed] them up threw about ten miles. Wher their Pikets fierd on us and we  
fierd on them We kilt the Cornel of the Seses Caverly Company and I dont know how  
meny more of them we then went on, wher they fierd on us again, we then Kilt some  
more wher they run again we stil folowed up was fierd on again we then seen wher  
they campt again then they comenst runing we then fierd with canons on them they left  
their tents, cloathing, meat, flower, chickens, catel and a good meny other we kilt  
several one both legs was shot of by our Cannens. We only lost one man kilt by those  
three small atacts and four woundet. We then folowed up but couldend git very far for  
they hat toarn the Bridges away so that we couldend git our canons nor provisons along  
we left the canons and wagons back and folowed up but we got out of provisions for the  
Seses hat taken every thing away in that line then we returnt to out camp We was  
about seventy miles from camp We was about don out wen we got back. You say in your  
letter that I shouldend believe eny thing what was told dond hurt your bosum about eny  
such thing for its no danger for my busum is clear of eny such a thing thinging or be-  
lieveing eny untruanis[untruths] towards me for I am sadisfied about you my my dear  
Cate O. Dearest One do not be troubelt about me Just think Henry is slow But Shure.  
I think I shal see you befor long I have spoken about a furlough about two or three days  
befor Crismas. You can look for me if nothing hapens. I received \$20. 45 by Mr Young  
from the sitesons [citizens] of Wapakoneta and I am very much obliged for such and  
thank all them for their kind favors. I Remain Your True lover til deth.

J.H. Smith 2 Luit.

Camp Clifton  
Western, Va.  
Dec. 5, 1861

Dearest and Sweetest Cate,

I Take the oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you Hoaping those few lines may find you in good health. Thank fortion mine is good I recieved a few lines of you yesterday and was very much displeased to hear in your letter that your Father is sick in bed and an other thing what hurt my feeling that you mistrusted or thought that I found one that I loved better then you my dear. You write that you havend recieved no letter from me sience I am in Va. this is the third one sience I write you. Sience I left Ohio One at Camp Pyatt and one at Camp Canelton. I would of wroat more but had no tyme to do so, theirfor I always thought that you wouldend git jellious about me, like you do You know what I said to you when I left and you can depend on what I said, thad you neadend be afraid of me believeing enything if peopels would write something unliken to me about you. theirfor pleas and dont think nor mention eny thing about such a thing. I havend tyme to wright every day or weak. I havent tyme to mention our marches that we had sience we left Ohio. Dearest Cate you can depend upon to recieve a letter from me every tyme I have tyme to wright.

We are at Camp Clifton. We put up our Winter quarters hear and I think that we will stay hear all winter. We have nice houses to stay in. We are giting by Steam Boat 10000.00 & Rations sent from Ohio to feed us this winter. I would if taken a furlough now but the Colner hant alowed yet to give one befor Crismas I spoak for the first furlough that he would give for I would like to see you & \_\_\_\_\_ and tent to what is nesenary. I shal close my few lines and Remain Your True Lover until Death.

Pleas answer as soon as Poseble and all the news you know. I understod that J. Distelroth went a solsiarn again and N. Schubert and Jake Zangline the same. Pleas and what I mentiond above and no Seakertnis [secrets].

Your Truly Beloved  
J.H. Smith 2 Luit.  
Co. C. 37 Rigt.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

Camp Clifton  
Dec. 11, 1861

Dearest and Sweetest Cate

I take the sweat oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you. I received one of Mr Klug and seen the news about you my dear and that one Young Son had made the appearance on the 21ed of November a thing wich I wouldend of thought but stil it is so and belongs to us dear Cate dont git downheartet I shal do all I can and all that is in my power for you and if it would cost the last drop of Blud We havend had pay day yet but I red in the Cincinnati Comarshal That the paymaster had left Cincinnati to pay off the troops in Western theirfor I think that it wont be but a short tyme and we will be paid. I have spoken for a furlough to go home and the Colnel told me it wasend in his power yet to give a furlough but in about three weaks or about Crismas or New Year after the pay master had paid us he could give passed to go home. Do not be downheartet on account of me You wont be forgotten like you wroat in your last riten letter. but stil never minde I'll be at Wapakoneta before you think. And then it shal be all squared

Dear Cate My heart is nearly broaken thinking about past things but stil we haint the first nor the last ones that has faild. Theirfor I shal be as true to you as you was to me Sience I got aquantet withe you dearest one for My Heart and Hand I offer and Remain so to the Dearest love. Dear Cate be careful not to do eny thing befor being able.

And take good care of sweat litle Babe for I shal wish to kiss its lips and yours. Oh could I be with you only one day. I shal say something els but dong thing enything about it meby so and meby not I heard that your Mother said that she was going to send the Constable after me. Just like if I had run away but stil it cant be helpt you are mine it hurt my fealing. So no more Dearest Cate.

J.H. Smith 2 Leut.  
Co. C. 37 Rig. O.V. U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, Western Va.

Headquarters 37 Rgt.  
Camp Clifton  
Dec. 22, 1861

Dearest and Sweetest Cate

I take the oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you I recieved your letter on yesterday in good health and was glad to hear from you hoaping those few lines may find you in good health as it leavs mine for I am giting fat I weaight myself today and I only wey 180 pounds My health is fine and I hoap yours is the same My dearest I have tried my best to be at home with you sweetest lilly at Crismas but could not make it stil it cant be helpt the Colnel toald me he could not spare me on account of our first Luitent resining but as soon as we was paid I could have a furlough home. Fred Buchholtz would not if got a pass if he wouldend if bin of age and had to setel with Fisher, for Henry Fisher is his Guardean and it must be setelt befor court.

Oh dearest Cate and Sweetest Busum Friend dont be eny ways troubelt about me for leaving you let the peopels tel you What ever they are amind to for I shal stop their mouths as soon as poseble I cant just go as easy as a private I would not like to go home without a cent of money but stil I would if went enyhow if I could if had a furlough Mr F. Buchholtz can tell you all about it and how it stands hear. Oh Dear I cant think now how it was with me when I left you at the cares [cars] that day we partet and befor that day I was most awful carles [careless].

But my Heart and Hand is only thine for ever. My Best Respects to your Father & Mother brother & sister and all inquiring Friends. best Respects from Capt and Casper.

Your True Busum Friend until death.  
J.H. Smith 2 lent.

Headquarters Camp Clifton,  
Western Va.  
Dec. 27, 1861

Dearest and Sweetest Cate Nye,

I recieved your letter this morning and was glad to hear from you and that your health is good and Son is to. Thank fortion my health is good, hoaping those few lines my find you in the same state of good health. We are stil at the above mentiont station yet, and think we will remain in it for the balance of the winter. We have fine brick houses to stay in and a torable fine town. It has about fifty fine buildings it it. The grader part emty and nobody living in them and about coming home on Crismas, I could not make it on account of our first Liutenant giting discharged and an other thing, we was wating for the pay master and he came today and is going to pay us tomorow and then I shal see and try again, as soon as poseble to git a furlough. I tride twist [twice] all reddy and handed in my bill that I wantet a furlough, ans spoak five or six tymes with the Colnel about it, he always said he was not allowed yet to give passes befor we was paid. I got him to promis me that he would tent to it as soon as we was paid.

Dec. 28, 1861

We recieved our pay this morning but only one halve and we are to git the other halve in a few days and I spoak with the Colnel again and he promest again, he would git me a furlough from the General as soon as poseble. He said I had to git it from the General for he was not alowed to give such yet. I am better saddisfied now, then I was a week or so ago, for I was afraight I could not git a furlough in less then three weeks or meby four weeks, on account of our first Luitenant giting chaest [chased] off on account of him not being fit for first Luitenant. I think I shal stand a chance of being first liutent now or befor long. Oh Dear, I could not sleep at night for some tyme when the Colnel told me that he was not alowed to give furlough yet, then I was studing and thinking how to make and to fix it to git a pass or a furlough to go home and to remain their for a few days and fix every thing up was is neaded.

Dec. 29, 1861

I take the pen in hand to drop a few mor wirds to you for my heart is troubled and dont know how to git shut of it. I shal let you know on what account and I want you to let me



know how want to make it. I would like to know when I git to Wapak and git married I would like to git it don befor a Preast at Wapakoneta. Pleas and let me know if it is poseble for you to git married befor the Catholick Preast it would be a gradel advandage to me and pleas me better. The is hundred of couples git married the same way. I dont like the Squier opperation and if I can help it I wont git married befor a Squier, but stil if it cant be don.. But I know and am surten that it isend eny more trouble then the other way. Ask Mina Klug and she will be so kind and tell you all about it.

Oh Dearest and Sweatest Cate, I wrigh those few lines with the tears in my ies [eyes] and hoap my wishes shal be foloed [followed] for it is a goodeal advange to me and to you Dear Cate.

Dec. 30, 1861

I had to stop writing last night for my busum was felt with tears.

Far from you my dear I wonderd,  
out cast from my native land; [Wapak]  
One to care for & now to guide me,  
One to lend a helping hand,  
One to pray for and to care for me,  
One to care wher ever I go,  
One I love and one that loves me,  
One to morn for me. [when I dye]

Once my Live was calm and Happy  
loved by all hew know my name  
then my light Heart know no shadow  
But atlast the temture came  
None can tell how well I loved her. [Cate]  
Her smile was to me was a glory.  
And your Busum to me was Holy  
Oh Dearest Cate My Heart is Yours.

Oh Dearest Cate pleas and do as I told you on the other side and let me know and you can depent on that I com as soon as poseble. For pity sake I cant go befor I git the furlough or git alowed from the Colnel. So no more.

Your True lover until Death.  
J.H. Smith 2 Liuet.  
Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V.U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, Western Virginia

Camp Clifton  
Jan 1, 1862

Dearest and Sweetest Cate

I take the sweet opportunity to drop a few lines to you I received your letter yesterday evening, and was glad to hear from you. Thank for that my health is good. Hoping these few lines may find you with the same Gods Blessing. You mention about Mena Klug that she did not understand what I wrote her. You can see in your last letter which I send to you and said to ask [ask] her about us getting married I wrote or meant by it to teach or to tell or give you a small instruction about us getting married before the Catholic Priest, that all and about having the baby baptized you can wait till I come home, or ask Mena and she can tell you what is best. I cant just live now on account of our first Lieutenant being discharged and the Capt going home first and as soon as he comes back I shall start for home and then talk about the right way. Which you will find all in the last letter I send you. It contains all my wishes. Or if you wish you can have Casper to stand for the Boy. But I think its best to wait till I come home. You can give Casper a letter along how are you going to make it So that I can prepare myself as soon as he comes back.

Dearest Cate, Please and do as I tell you but if it is not possible then the best way will do. If you want to get married before the Catholic Priest be sure that I can fix all that is needed. dont forget to write a full letter of what you are willing to do, about what I write to you and send it with Casper back So no more.

Yours Truly Beloved until death.

J. H. Smith 2 Lieut.  
Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V.U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton. Western, Va.

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You can Name the Boy Casper for I think it is best for you hearly ever find the first child to have their parances [parents] names git it Babtised by the Priesed I know you can have it don.

Yours forEver

J.H. Smith

Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V.U.S.A.

Mena Klug can instruct you about having the boy Babtised. No yous telling your father if you are afraid of him for you can have it babtised in the evening or eny tyme in the day I put this strip in after I had wroat the letter.

J.H.Smith

Casper can tell you to what to do or how to make it.

Filson Historical Society

Camp Clifton, Western Va.  
Jan 23, 1862

Dearest and Sweatest Cate.

I take the Sweet opportunity to drop a few lines to you. I received your letter today and was glad to hear from you and finding you in good spirit. thank fortune my health is good hoping those few lines may find you in the same state of good health so as it lies mine. Oh Dearest and Sweatest and the Sun [Son] I know that you are waiting with pations for me but it cant be helpt I thought shure that I could lieve this week but could not but do not be downhearted about that befor think once you will see me in arms or you in mine Capt Chs. dit not git to go befor last night when we returnt from our Expedition wich we had for the last eighteen days. We started from hear last the 5th of Jan and dit not return til the 22ed of Jan that is yesterday evening. Also we went to Logan C.H. Logan Co. on Potomack River 23 miles from Kentucky. We had two men kilt One Capt of Co. B by the name of Capt Kaka he was shot threw the breast and lived about eight hours and one of our Company Co. C. by the name of John Boam [Behm] he was a Corporal thats all we lost. We kilt some twelf & took two prisoners wich we will have the fun of hanging them tomorrow, I think. We burnt the whole town, court house to, all in ashes now chased the wiman out of the houses and took fier and put it in the beds a H. [an house]?? you ought if seen some crying don but nothing would save them. Those ware all Bush Wakers that fierd on us but we salted them purty well. They never wasend eny of our Union troops their we was the first ones that put out feet on that soil and distroid them & chased them out of said town. We returnt after we was sadisfied and had our anger settled.

Oh Dearest and Sweatest Cate dont think that I believe eny thing that peoples talks about. Your Mother I dit not believe it in the first place but still I thought I would wright it to you and if it would if bin so that your mother would if send the constable after me that could not give me a furlough eny sooner then I git it this way. Stil it hurt my fealing when I heard it for I thought only she must thing I was a thieve or somthing els that the constable was to com after me. Still I dit not know of me stealing eny thing or somthing like it I left Wapak fair and Open an shal go back befor long Open and Free not afraid of

nobody. Oh Dearest Cate dont believe it. theirfor dont trouble yourself about me being eny ways uneasy I an purfectly sadisfied sience I recieved your letter today. Wich said you parance [parents] was willing of all my wishes & I will fulfill them as soon as poseble or as soon as God lets me as soon as the Capt coms back then turn will be on me and then my busum will befilt with Joy and My trouble shal be an end. For then I are shure to press your true busum to mine & kising your sweet lips & the Babis the same. So no more Yours Truly Beloved until Deth.

J.H. Smith 2 Lint.  
Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V.U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

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Camp Clifton, Western, Va.  
Jan 25, 1862

Dearest and Beloved Cate,

I take the sweet oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you I recieved your letter & was glad to hear from you. That you are al well. Except your dear Father. Casper tels and you write me that he is verry low. Capt Chs. Hipp left hear last wednesday night and as soon as he comes back I shal have the plesior to viset my native home, Wapakoneta I send those few lines to you by Mr Tony Klipfel I send one letter day befor yesterday to you by mail . Wher you can see the Expodishan we had for the last eighteen days.

Oh Dearest Cate I am very well pleased over the letters you send by Casper and Brother Casper toald me I shal repeat it again I am perfectly sadisfied and will be morso when I see you wich will be as soon as God lets me. Oh Dearest Cate just keep on learning till I com. So that you are fuly instructed of Caticision & Religen.

I shal send you ten dollars in with those few lines. for wich you can buy the nessesary, for you and the Baby. I think that will be suffisiond til I com home. So No More

Your True Beloved One

J.H. Smith 2 Lient.  
Co. .C. 37 Reg. O.V.U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

Answer as soon as you recieve those in a hury writin few lines.

Camp Cliften, Western Va.  
Feb. 1, 1862

Dearest and Sweetest true love Cate—Schmidt—now

Just haven recieved a letter at eleven Oclock tonight this first day of February from you at first when I heard that they was a letter hear for me I was very well pleased but when I got it in my hand and wantet to open it I seen the black mark on the back of it for I seen the sign of death. Oh dear how I scared then I thought of you & Soney.—a cold shiver struck me and I had to set down and whate a few minuts befor I could read your letter. Oh dear I never sceart so in my life. But when I red the letter I seen that it was your dear father for wich I fell very sorry, for I would if liken to seen him and spoaken with him. Oh dearst busum friend Cate it was not poseble for me to come Dearest Cate it is imposable for me to git a furlough befor Capt Chs. Hipp returns from his furlough. I think he has spoaken to you by this tyme and has told you all about the circumstances & wich cant be made eny other way but as soon as Capt comes wich will be in about two weeks from to day I shal have the plesior of going to my native home wher you dearest Cate and I shal join for ever & ever. Oh dear I wish I could be their and speak to you as husband and to your mourning Mother as a child. Sharing hardships with you and see about your undercoming & O.C.

I have send ten dollars to you by Antony Klipfel wich I think you have recieved it I thought I would send you ten dollars for a while so that you could buy the nessesary & neaded artickels for you and Soney and when I come that you could healp your selve a litle. Oh dear I am longing to see you and to be in your midst at least a week.

Oh Dearest Cate I shal have to mention in among those few lines that in eny case no diferance in what it may be that I am the first one and nearest one in eny case just it may be just let me know and you shal be helpt one way or the other for I consider myself nearder to you then your father, mother, brothers & sisters. I am the one wich you shal listen to and you are the one that I shal will and must listen to. I shal not say no of eny thing you want of me. [when poseble] [of coazs] and when I see nessesary or neaded. If you dont wish to stay with your Mother I shal tent to it that you are sadisfied. Just let me know if they is eny thing the like that dont suit you or troubles you let me know & I shal

give you a plain understanding & do my duty.

Filson Historical Society



Camp Clifton  
Feb. 2, 1862

Dearest & sweetest Cate

I take the sweet opportunity to drop a few lines to you just have received a letter from you I received one last night on which I answered and send it this morning. Oh dearest busum friend heard the bad news for the second time that your dear Father has gone to rest and parted from you on the 21 day of January. I would if I could have spoken to your dear father once more and would if I could have taken goodbye by shaking his dying hand but it was impossible for me. I know that he was waiting with patience for me. Oh dear it makes my heart bleed to think of those tears that rolled down your dear father's cheeks when I left or parted with him. Since that time my love to him was true and would if I could do anything for him. Still he has parted from us and hope we will meet again where we will be more lovely to each other. And where there will be no more sorrow nor trouble. Just continue on till I come home learn all you can. I am fully satisfied. I think ten dollars will be sufficient till I come or go to my native home, to you my Dear. My health is good hoping those few lines may find you with the same good blessing.

Oh Dearest Beloved and Sweetest Cate News I don't know much news and have no time to mention any more. I shall close my few in a hurry with a few lines and remain Yours Truly for Ever. Best Respects from Casper. So no more.

Your Truly Beloved until death.

J.H. Smith 2 Lient.  
Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V. U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, Western Va.

Camp Clifton, West Va.  
Feb. 14, 1862

Dearest and Sweetest Cate

I take the sweet oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you I recieved a letter by Capt Chs. Hipp from you hoaping those few lines may find you in the same gods blesing Thank fortion my health is good. I dont know just wen I can lieve hear for the Coloner dit not tell yet I have spoak to him about the furlough he said that he wasend allowed to give furlough from Gen. Rosacrans but he said that he would see about it and he would give me the first chance the Capt arived hear this morning, Friday, Feb 14 and he toalt me that he would see to it himself that I could go hoam. Oh Dear Cate I have bin wating with pations to git hoam and I am hoaping to fulfil it befor long.

Oh Dear Cate my heart is jumping when I think of the coming tyme. Dearest one on earth do not trouble yourself about me for Godsake I could not com eny sooner. Stil I have hoapes. My best respecs to all inquiring Friends tel John Distelroth and Mena Klug that I give them truly thanks for what they have don on you and tel John to wright to me for I havend recieved but one letter from him sience I left Wapak nearly six months.

My love to your Mother, brother & sisters, Cousents[cousins] & H.

Dont forgit to tell J.D. & M.K. the above thanks.

Dearest and Sweetest Cate of mine I shal let you know in a short tyme when I shal lieve So no more.

Yours for Ever & Ever  
Mr J.H. Schmidt  
2d Lient. Co. C. 37th  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

My Heart & Hand is Only thine and Thine for Ever.

I send you an envelope once & a wile to save your addresin.

Headquarters of the 37th Regt. Ohio Volumn.  
Camp Clifton, Western Va.  
Feb. 27, 1862

Dearest and Beloved Cate.

Just recieveing an order of Colonel Sieber to march up on Loop Crick about thirteen miles from Clifton tomorow morning and remain their until further orders, and about giting a furlough to go home it is uncitain when but I shal com as soon as poseble the Colonel was at whealing and seen General Rasacrans [Rosecrans] about giving furloughs to Comd. officers and just arrived about one halve hour ago but had no orders yet or I would if left. Today or tomorow the Colonel said or told me about fifteen minuts ago that it was inposeble for him to let eny comisiond officer go from his Regiment befor he recieved orders from a General, he says that he is wayting for orders. So then I must wate until further orders, well it cant be helpt I was so glad for I thought alredy the Colonel would fech orders so that I can go home to you I have no mor tyme to waste. So no more.

Yours Truly Beloved One until deth  
J.H. Schmidt 2ed Lient.  
Co. C. 37 Rgt. O.V.U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

You can adres the letters to Clifton, I shal git it quickest.

Loop Crick Station  
10 miles up Kanaw from Clifton  
March 7, 1862

Dearest and Sweetest Cate

Just having recieved a letter from you for wich I was pleased verry much I am sorry and heardly know what to do so as to git home, you wrigh what peopls says, they only guess but dont know just they want to know some thing but dont know what.

Oh dearest love do not be troubled about me not coming for if I say a thing I mean it and you never found me any other way and never will find me eny other way. I cant help what peopls says if they that I could com when I wantet to or that I would not come or I would never come, they all dont know eny thing about my buisuis [business], and eny boddy that says eny thing like that. He wil steal, murd and do wirs then that yet, but stil I now that you know better then that and dont believe such men or say, Murders.

Tel Henry that I recieved his letter and was verry glad to hear from him. I dont think it will be over two months befor we all will be at hoam but stil I shal go home as soon as I git a change, theirfor I give my word dear Cate I know that you have to hear some heard [heart] breaking words for you but then I know that you dont believe them & never will.

Our Regiment is stil at Camp Clifton yet but we are ten miles up the Kanaw River on Loop Crick on picket, but direct your letters to Clifton I shal git then the quickest.

I close my few lines and Remain yours Truly Beloved until deth.

Henry Schmidt 2d Lient.  
Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V.U.S.A.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

Loop Crick Station

March 30th, 62

Dearest and Sweetest Cate,

I take the sweeat oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you. I recieved a letter from you last Wednesday and I have answerd it, but hat but short tyme to wright. I finde it my duty to drop a seckond one to you. Thank fortion [fortune] my health is good, hoaping those few lines may finde you in the same state of good health. I have bin under the weather for two or three days past, partly headake & toth acke. It was four weaks last Friday since we are plased at the above mentioned Loop Crick Station, but we return back to Camp Clifton tomorrow or next day. I was up at Golly [Gauley?] Bridge today and seen John Kuster, Capt Anderson, and all the balance of the Wapak boys. Chs. Shives sends his best respects to you, I think you know him yet, he youst to be doorkeeper at Chs. Smiths dances. The balance of the boys are all injoying good health. I got a letter of Lewis Sellers, he toald me in his letter to wright to his muther and Klipfel. He dit not wright eny news to me, but his health is good now again. Pleas and tell Mis Sellers that his health is good. I weould if wroat a letter to her, but as I mentiond befor he dit not eny extra news to me.

Oh dearest Cate, I am looking for my furlough every day, for I mad the last olblagations nearly five weeaks ago and the colonel toald me that it was forwardet to Gen. Rosacrans pasing threw Gen. Cocks before. It cant be but a short tyme til it comes and then I shal injoy myself on the road to Wapak, my native home.

Oh dear, I feeale like a new born person since I heard that that my furlough was forwarded, I ceould not rest and heardly sleap on account of being afrard not giting to go home to yeou dearest Cate. Pleas and kiss litle Casper for me til I come, when I will do it over and kising yeour sweeatest one on earth. I have bin partly down heartet just on account of not giting home and the Capt tried his best to git a furlough for me but it isend alowed for the Colonel to let officers have a furlough. But I mad it so nesasesary that the Colonel ceould not healp but trye it and last weeak he toald me that the obligation was forwardet and soon be back again, so that I can lieve.

We have bin hoalding the outpost of our Regiment for some type. I havend seen Yeoung nor John Geats since they are back from furleough. I recieved the letters theough that you had send by them and yeou mention in yeour letter that John toald you that I was mad aboat what Jase wroat to me. I wasend exacly mad but still I sasend very well pleased, for he wroat kind of two fased, speaking so to me and diferent to Casper and it woundet like if John or Father hat if told Jasa how to write, for I know that Jasa cant never put such a letter up and I haint mistaken, but stil I shall drop all of it if I git home. I shal not let it aware or them know eny thing of such except they comenst and then I shal tell. It isend eny thing extra but stil it was a kinde suspissus to me. I think they can do without my few cents, but dearest Cate, don't say or mention eny thing about it for it is now yeous [no use]

We have verry litle guarding to do and very litle exersise for the weather has bin bin so muddy and so much reign that it was imposable to go about. I shal fech my letter to a close. Thinking of being with yeou before long, presing yeour true busum to mine and kising yeour sweeat lips. So no more, I remain yeours true for ever.

My pen is poor my ink is pail, my love to you shal never fail.

Yeours only until death.

Henry Schmidt

2d Lieut. of Co.C

37 Regt O.V.U.S.A.

Camp Clifton

West Va.

via Golopoleas P.O.

Headquarters of 37th Regt.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.  
April 5, 1862

Dearest and Sweetest Cate,

Just haven recieved a few lines from you. Seaing in it that your health is good but Litle Caspers isend. Hoaping thous few lines may find you so is Litle Caspers in Good Health thank fortion my health is good. Oh dearest Cate I have bin longing to see you and Litle Casper. Ever sience I left you, but could not make arangement til four or a litle over weeks ago, A obligations to Gen Rosacrans speaking for a furlough and as I have wroat you the Colonel send wurd that it was on return to me I thing I shal \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Easter Sunday with you in Wapakoneta. News I dont know but few and they are not wirth wile to mention, but trye your best to restor litle Caspers good health as soon as poseble. Oh Dearest One you speak for money. I shal send you five dollars enclosed in with those few lines. Pleas and let me know as soon as you recieve the letter with money. And if you nead eny more I can send you more. Hoap though that I will see you befor long. I close my few lines and Remain Yours until Death.

Henry Schmidt  
2d Lient. Co.C.  
37 Reg. O.V.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.  
Via Galapolias P.O.

Headquarters Camp Clifton  
April 15, 1862

Dearest and Truest one Cate.

Just haven recieved a letter from you wich pleased me verry much. Thank fortion my health is good. Hoaping those few lines may find you in the same Gods blesing. I suppose you recieved the five dollars I send you in my last letter. I suposed that I could and would git a furlough to go home, but in vain the colonel told me that it wasend poseble now for he spoak for ten days and ditend receive eny, but I com to the conclusion that I and you could git married by Telagraph acording to law. I asked the Capt about it and he told me the he thought that it would be lawful becous it is imposeble for me to go home now under those presend circumstances, theirfor I wroat to Dumbroff asking if it could be don and if it was poseble to let me know and how I should go at it. Oh Dearest one I know and can think how you are situatet for Luis Freyman told me a nough to sadisfy me about your troubles theirfor I think that is the only way to fix it by Telagraph. without litle Casper was well so that you could lieve and com hear and then git married hear, eny way to suit and then if I git back we can git married over. Oh dearest Cate hoaping that I can git married with you by Telagraph if not I must wate til litle Casper gits well and then send you money enough to com hear.

You mentiond about lieving you Mother just you chose if you wish, you can go eny place to suit you and I shal forfeit the funds to pay it but let me know atfirst wher you go I dont know exacly wher meby at Jo Schubert or some whe else.

Oh dearest one I know that peopels talks but let them talk and they shal se that I am and will be true to you and not slite of fool you in the least way. God knows it that I never hat such thoughts I am troubled so much about but I cant help it, for I must do as my superior tels me to. Pleas and let me know as soon as poseble. I send you a Coal Ring wich I made yesterday. I close my few lines and Remain yours until Deth.

Henry Schmidt 2 Lient.  
Co. C. 37 regt. O..V.  
Camp Clifton, West Va.

Via Galopoiias. P.O.

shal wright more next.



Camp Siber  
April 22, 1862

Dearest and Truest one Cate

Just taking the pleasure of dropping a few lines to you, hoping that those few lines may find you in good spirits and dear little Casper hoping that his health is good. Oh dearest one I know that you have trouble and will remain so until I come to you so that we can get married. Oh dear I wrote to you that I have made obligation to Gen. Rosacrans, speaking for two weeks furlough. I have not received an answer yet and the Colonel told me that I would not get a furlough now, but the Capt. tells me that he thinks we can get married by Telegraph and I wrote to Mr. Dumbroff about it if it could be done. After I git with you we can git married again by a priest but I want to be yours no difference how I can make it and you wrote in your letter about leaving your mother, you can go where ever it suits you no matter where. Maybe you can stay with Jo Schubert a while, for he owes me some and you have the note of his. If you dont want to stay with him look out for another place. Next time I shall let you know more.

Yours Truly until deth.  
Henry Smith

Loop Crick, Va.  
April 24, 1862

Dearest Kate

Just haven recieved a disspach from you saying that we cant mary by Telagraph but to send money and you will come. I answard your disspach sending it to father teling him to give you money enough to come \$20 or \$25 is plenty and you should come as soon as poseble not take much bagage along. Coming by Steamer Allen Collier wich lieves Cincinnati every tuesday if you shouldend git to lieve cincinnati a tuesday you can lieve a sadurday by Steamer Rose Hamleton or wate til tuesday again and then go with Allen Colliar for it goes clear threw to Canelton four miles below this place wher I shal look for you. If not their next Friday but shure next coming Friday for Allen Collear arives hear every Friday. and Rose Hamleton arives hear every Tuesday.

Father has five Hunderd Dollars of mine he can let you have a neough to come on but dont take more cloas along than you must have for it makes you to much trouble. One Good Dress for you and one for the boy is plenty, except cloaths & \_\_?.

I shal close my few lines and hoap we will meat befor long I just wrigh this that if you should not or could not com next week so you know what to do. You lieve Wapak on Monday and go to Cincinati lieving Cincinnati on Tuesday and ariving hear on Friday.

Your Truly until Deth.  
Lt. Henry Schmidt  
Co. C. 37 Rg.  
Loop Crick, West Va.

Via Galopolias P.O.

Loop Creek, Va.  
April 30, 1862

Dearest Cate

Just haven recieved your Isned 23 of this month and seen out of it that the Boy is well now. I feel sorry to be in such a fix as I am at present for I telagraphed to father last Sadurday to furnish funds so that you can lieve on Monday So as to lieve Cincinati on Tuesday upon Steamer Allen Colliar so as to arive hear tomorrow as Friday, but thinking that it is most imposeble for you to lieve so quick, Hoaping though that if you ditent lieve yet stay and let father have the money I send him for I dont like to brake on it, for it is just five Hunderd Dollars and I want to be saving so as if I com hoam again but if you got the money of father all redy I wroat to him to let you have about twenty five dollars if he has give it to you all redy pleas and let him have it again and I will make some arangements to suport you without breaking them Five Hunderd that father has in care. I will write father what to do. Tymes is hard and we you as well as me must be saving. We are lieving tomorrow going to Rolly. If we dont git married now I shal make my will so as to suport you if I should hapen to git kilt. but such I dont hoap but stil I will have every thing right so as to save you and Child. I think you will recieved several or have recieved several letters telling about you coming but If you haint left yet pleas & do as I say and father will see you all right eny how for he wroat to me that he would do so, If not left yet stay and you will be suportet. I shal let you know more when I have more tyme I wroat to father that if you was at Wapak yet and he hat given money to you that you would let him have it again, and told him what to do with you, wich he will do.

Your Truly Beloved until Deth.  
Lient. Henry Schmidt  
Co. C. 37 Reg. O.V. U.S.A.  
Camp Rolly, West Va. [this will be tomorrow]  
Via Galopolias P.O.

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Written on front side of letter—do as father tels you for he means it good with you, next tyme I will wright more than this tyme.

Back of letter—the next tyme I will give you a full statement and full instruction what will be don and what you shal do and what I will do.

Filson Historical Society

Rolly  
May 27, 1862

Dearest & Truest Wife

Just having the tyme to drop a few lines to you hoaping those few lines may find you and Sonis in good spirit and condition thank fortion I am all right again come purty nye being hurt at the Batle of Prinston on the 17th day of May, wher we was ingaged with the Sesesh. I shal give you a small statement of what acurd sience I left you at Canelton on board of Steemer Allen Colier. I recieved two letters of you last sunday 25th of May, one datet May 12 & one May 14th. You know I left you on friday May the 10th at Canelton going to Loop Crick taking diner and packing my Knapsack lieving Loop Crick at 2 1/4 Oclock going to Golly [Gauley] Brige stoping their for that Capt a halve hour, did not meet him going on by my self then to Feyeat [Fayette]. Arived their at Sevon Oclock, five miles from Canelton to Loop-5, Six miles from Loop to Golly [Gauley] Bridge-6 and twenty six miles from Golly [Gauley] to Feyeat [Fayette] -26. So I walked thirty seven miles that after noon in about seven hours. I tell you I was tyert. I reportet myself at Head Quarters, Colonel says all right he was very well sadified he thought and asket if I enjoyed myself much I told him I was sadisfied now He thought— he then says Lient you better go and rest for you walket a good iel today. I told him Young Men Eaughtent to git tyert [tired] that I wasend tyert [tired] he laugh and says Oh I mean the young Wife makes you weak I told him no danger by that tyme Capt calt me saying your Supper is redy, Saying to Colonel Sieber I dismis myself so I walkt of. Next morning at three Oclock we woak up and General Cocks with his brigade 28th, 34th, 37th and One Batalion of Mountet Rifelman and Simenses Batery with four peases of artilery we left Feyeatvilla sadurday morning at 4 Oclock we had stood in ranks every-thing loadet & H We went to Rolly then that day about twenty eight miles we stopt their til monday when we left at four Oclock A.M. towards Prinston across flat Top Mountain Fourty three miles we went about 16 miles on monday a tuesday we made about miles five miles from Prinston Wednesday we went to Prinston and Elevon miles on the other side wher we staid til thursday. In the after noon four Co. of 37th Regt. and four Co. of 28th Regt. and one Co. of 34th Reg & one piece of Artilery left

and went a right hand road about eight miles. Staid til friday morning in and apple orchert. Colt as thunder through the night for we was ordert to lieve our Knapsacs & Blankets with the balance of the Regts, they staid back on friday we went on except the Artillery it went back. We went to what they call cross road wher we at once seen a lot of Sesesh Cavelry coming towards us, we just was in a halow so that they could not see us, we went on each side of the road and behind a stabel wich was behind or on this sid of a house we let them com clear up to the raise two got off at the house going in it. All at once we opend fire on them three dropt right away and I think they purty near all woundet. they jurket their horses around and give them the spurs running like white heads back wher they com from. next thing we seen we seen a whole top of a rige full of Sesesh Infantry trying to cut us of we then put back wher we staid [stayed] the night befor and two miles further their we staid til sadurday about one Oclock our Lient Colonel got a disspatch by a mesenger that Prinston was taken with one of our Company K. and Our Maigor [Major] was wounded, Prisoner 18 that we should hurry and git back as soon and the best way we could We got up and went the nearest road back to Prin- ston til we got about four or five miles from Prinston we heard the Canons a Roaring we then make double quick for some tyme about when we was in five miles from Prinston the Canons stopt we then went on and next thing we knew we was in the fire, bulet com flying thicker then hail for they had about one halve a batalion in Skermish line against us we fierd til we seen we could not sucsied for they was to meny for us and they had the woulds[woods] and dich and we had nothing but the road to cover our selves they advansed towards us and we hat to retreat for we hadent over 340 men and the rebels had over 9,000 they was no sight for us Stil we send sum to the Happy Land of Kanen we had a hevvy [heavy] loss in wounded, we had two ded out of our company and fifteen woundee and one was taken prisoner and one died sience and one will not live til tomor- ow. and I think one will dye yet the balance are all giting along purty well I shal give all the names on the other side, the balance of our men fit [fight] with them on the other side on friday but could not do eny thing they hat only 1800 men and the Reble had over 9,000 tomeny for such litle forse as we had, if we would of had only 5,000 men we would if whipt them like Hell but so we had to give back with a small Floxing Our

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Brigade last on friday & saturday 23 dead 57 woundet 48 prisonors and several slight woundet. Kilt out of Co. C. on the Batle Field; John Boam & H. Sedenberg both of New Bremen, Henry Katenhous died day befor yesterday of N. Bremen, Henry Mye[May] ded ?a g in? Morning back shot off, from New Bremen, Wiliam Shoupe of Freyburg shot through the lungs harly git over Henry Dering of Wapakoneta, shot through the side pasing through the other side purty far back no Danger I gues Henry Weiser of St Marys shot the same way not so bad, John Ocs of St Marys four shots one through the top of his foot, one through his shin, one through his hip , one cut his ear a litle he is giting better. John Fisher through his leg, flesh wound, from St Marys. Jake Wiler of Wapak through his sholder, no danger. Corp Jos. Enaking of Minster, flesh wond through right arm. Corp Chs. Pranga of St Marys flesh wond through left arm, Bernhart Tangeman of Minster , flesh wond through chin and sholder. Theo Plaga through face and sholders of Minster. Fred Buchholtz of Wapak Slightly woundet on the calve, Lient Henry Schmidt I guess you know him of Wapak slightly wountet on the ankel, all right again or will be in three weeks or les. Anton Bloom of Freyburg slight tuch on calf, Tom Kamper prisonar That all the Woundet are at Rolly arived hear yesterday evening we was prisoners over a weak the Sesesh yeonst?? us woundet well till our men got up with the flag of trues for our forses hat to lieve Prinston for not giting all taken prisoners our Co with the balance I though shure they never would git through for they was in front of us and they send over Six Hunderd Cavelry after them but they took the Hill and the Sesesh could not tell wich way they went and out men got through safe, but we was Prisoners. Our docter state with us & tentet to the men but I cut my straps off & took my bugel of and cut my stripes of and send my soard with Capt, So that they ditent know what I was or they would if kept me.

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Dear boy, how did you settle the matter with my brother, and how did you introduce Christina Jacobs with my cousin and how did you settle with him? Also, I would like to ask you if A.B. has been by to see you, and if [he/she] has inquired about me. Settle everything to my satisfaction. I know that you can do it if you so desire. Should anything new happen here, I will write you immediately. Greeting from me to all acquaintances and friends, as well as to Christ.[ina/opher (?)] Schuhkraft. The same also to your dear wife and boys. Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, as in the past, and don't forget about your poor comrades on Flat Top Mountain!

I remain your always faithful friend,

G. Wintzer. Lieut.  
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37<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
A.V.I.

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Enjoy yourself on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July just like old times, and think about your poor comrades who wish nothing more than to while away the time in your company.

Farewell [and] until we meet again,  
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Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co., Ohio  
July 10, 1862

Dear Sir Dod, Gov. of State

I have the plesior of Reporting myself nearly fit for duty, I think incors of ten days my  
Ancle [Ankle] will be heald so I can return to the Regt. [ 37th O.V.I. now on Grate Flat  
Top Mountain, Va. Second Brig under Gen Cox.] I was woundet in the Ancle at the  
Batle of Princeton, Va. on the 17th of May 1862. but considering myself on Paroal.

I dit not take the Oath but they have my Name in full. Regt. & H.

Pleas drop a few lines on Rect of this so that I have a fare understanding of it What to  
do and when I can Return to our Regt.

Your Urgent,  
Lient Henry Schmidt  
of 37th Regt. O.V.I.

Report W W or W M???  
Dr A B Dot

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Dear Henry!

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Camp Chase, Columbus, O.  
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Dear Wife,

Just haven the lesior so as to take the oppertunaty of dropping those few lines to you. I arived at Columbus yesterday noon at about Elevon Oclock taking my Dinor then going to Govonor Tod, he toald me that it was imposable for me to recruit? on acccount of me being on paroal he send me then to Capt. Dod of Columbus, he tells me that it was inposeble and me to Report at Camp chase as soon as poseble, for they are looking for an Exchange and I hat to be their or taken as a deserter. So then I packed up and went to camp and Reportet me to Comander of Said Camp last night I was over at the Majors and the Colonel of the 56th Rgt. came in and fetchet the News, that the General was coming tonight, and we ware to have a grand Exchange tomorow or day after. So I am wayting with pations for such.

I think I can git hoam again befor I am ordert to the Regt. You can let me know about Sam Craig wether he is going to war or not. If he is you can make it with him eny way you see fit.

If you and Mother stay with Sarah you must tell L. Wust that you dont want the house you must be shure of staying with Sarah first. Let Fred Buchholtz have my Over Coat and Blouse and One Shirt if he comes he will asque for it . And send my Sm. Pipe to. It is as hot as thunder hear. Two Rgts left of Kentucky yesterday the 45th & 95th.

The Company I am detailt to is a strange company, I do not know one man in it. Thats no diferance though all Misura Boys.

I shal fech my few lines to a cloas. Answer soon as you recieve those few lines. I just hapent to lieve hoam in tyme or I might if gat in a bad snap.

Your Truly for Ever

Adres Your Letter  
Lient Henry Schmidt  
Comander of Co G. 1st Regt P.P.  
Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio

Camp Chase, Columbus, O.  
Aug. 27, 1862

Dear Litle Frow. Cate of Wapakoneta, O.

Yours has come to hand, wich pleases me very much hearing that you are all a kicking yet. You dont know about Samual Craig wether he is gon for good or not. I am stil at the above said Camp Chase in Comand of last reportet Company G. 2 Regt. P.P. You say about I will I think that I shal see hoam again befor I git ordert to our Regt. [ Co. C. 37th O.V.I.] if not I shal do so as you wish for I find it best for you and my self. But I shal go hoam again if poseble. I see a order in the Cincimati Comershel that they expect General Cox [as our Breagadear at Washington] thats the Brigade wher our Regiment is in. General Thomas came hear last Sadurday evening wher they was about One Doz. Canon Shots Fierd. He left though on Monday on acount if us paroled He went to Washington to see so as to git us exchanged as soon as poseble. I expect to be exchanged befor the tenth of next month. That is in fourteen days from date. The company that I am detaild to is One Hundred and thirty men strong. they are gatherd out of Nineteen Regt. Ohio, Pa., Ky., Misura, Va., Michigan Volentiers. I have plenty to do now. I am giting fatter every day. I gues I have gaind a couple two three or four lbs sience I am hear for I live on good Bread, Side Meat, Potatos, Shanghye Burgs & C. , I cant mention all. We are making our Rolles of the Paroled that have reportet themselves sience orderd hear by the Govener. About Seventeen Hundred that has reportet hear in Camp Chase. & about Nine Hundred present, al the balance have desertet.

This morning the Sesesh Prisoners ware all send to the South on exchange. They was One Thousand of them except Officers, Sargents & Corparels they ware sent yesterday. This about all the news I know today.

#### Extra News.

You want to know how my coalt is giting along it is giting better every day for I hang it out in the Sun every day and warm it. It helps very much. And today I heard that they was going to exchange us tomorow that is they are going to exchange us for Dogs and Kill the Dogs so as to git shut of the Bread [Breed].

I bought a pint of milk today for I cant hardly do with out it. Sience I left my cow at

hoam. I shal tell you some thing but you musent cry for I have got the De-da-ri-e-ra-  
[diarrhea]. I bought a cork today and I shal stop it tomorow. I had some Ice Cream a  
litle bit a go I hoap it tastes good to you.

I shal cloas my few lines and Remain Pleas answer the other side but not this one for I  
know all of this side myself. Answer as soon as you find out about Sam Craig. Give my  
best respect to all, Mageret & C. Tel her that I am stil kicking yet.

Yours  
Lient Henry Schmidt

Filson Historical Society

Camp Chase, Columbus, O.  
August 31, 1862

Catharine M.

Dear Wife,

Yours of the 27th ised has come to hand wich pleased me very much Expesly for you to take as much intrest in my Extra News I last send you. I am stil at the above such Camp in Comand of Co. G. 1 Regt , Paroled Prisoners the Company is One Hundred and Sixty three Men strong and I have about enough to do to keep me in good health & spirit.

Hoping that you and Casper are the same and your Mother, Brother & Sisters. About the rent I wroat to John that he shal pay the rent per Mth. without fail. I heard that Samual Craig is going to be Quarter Master of the 99th Regt or that he want to be it, that is the reason he ditend go with the band. I shall close my few lines for I am giting tyerd of wrighting for I have bin wrighting all day making out muster rolls for the company and the biggest part of this night it is about Nineteen Minuts past two A.M. in the night.

Give My Best Respecss to All Inquiring Friends Expsly to Marget if their yet, Sarah, your Mother & C.

And I Remain yours for Ever  
Leint Henry Schmidt  
Comdg. Co. G. 1 Rgt.  
P.P. Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio

Answer soon and all perticlurs about the draft for I would like to know. John writes that he is clear of the draft. That will suit father very much. I made a mistake in wrighting the last tyme, I wandet to put Hurry, in place of Cow.

Page 1-around edge of letter—I think the only way I can do to go hoam a day or so for after we git Exchanged, I dont believe I can then, meby orderd direct to the Regt.

Page 2-Meby I will come hoam about one or two days only next Friday night if not exchanged.

Cut the sleaf [sleeve] off about six inches for it is to long. One like the one you send me. The shirt but put the butons on again.

Camp Chase  
Sept. 18, 1862

Cate. Wapak., O.

Dear Wife,

Yours has com to hand wich pleasd me very much you complain about not recieving eny Letter from me. I shal tell you the reason, 1st I dit not know what to wright for I dont know eny interresting news. 2ed I expectet to come hoam on alredy mentiond Friday, wich I could not do but shall come the first chance I git [I cant tell when] I wroat to John to pay the rent at J. Baumels. Dit he do it and are you in John Baumels house yet or dit you move in L. Wusts. John Smith will pay the rent wher ever you go for I toald him to do so.

Our Regiment hat to fall back clear to the Ohio River. They were Seroundet by 10,000 Sesesh but fit them selfs through they burnt Charlestown. Except two houses disstroid all the salt winks all along the Kanawa River.

Answer Soon & Remain Your True Husband until deth. Give my best respecs to your Mother, Sister & Brother, S. Craig and all the Brewers.

Answer Soon and I am Yours.

Lient Henry Schmidt Comdg. Co. G.  
1 st Regt of Paroled Prisoners  
Camp Chase, O.

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Camp Chase, Columbus, O.  
Sept 24, 1862

Cate Schmidt Wapakoneta, O.

Dear Wife

Yours of the 21st Isned has come to hand containing as followes about the rent, you state that you cant stay in Baumels House after the first of Oct. I dont know heardly what to do about Hellers house four dollars is plenty. Mr L. Wust has promist me his house but if he wont let you have it for \$3. he can go to Hell. I dont know how it is if you cant git any other house you can take C. Hellers for as cheap as you can git it. I dont know wether you git the whole house with all rooms for \$4.00 or only git one room & one of the small kitchens. Do the best you can if you cant do eny better take Hellers house until you git an other to suit you. Father paid J. Baumels due rent or not. At least I give him orders to do so and pay every month the rent.

They are reorganising regiments of Paroled Prisoners to go and fight the Indians under General Willes now Condg. Post at Columbus, Ohio. I think I shal be orderd in to one of those regiments to go and fight the Indians stil I shal trye and keep from it for I would rather do better service then that but if I see no other chance I shal go and fight the Indians in the Coalt Winter [and meby frees to] If I go I shal see some Experiance and see part of the world more having more hart tymes, Such as Freesing, Hungreing, Marching, Fighting the Wilde [as above mentioned ] but I shal com hoam once more befor I start for the Planes of the Coalt Climat.

Brother John was mistaken in telling you that I hat no paper nor envelops, I have plenty paper and some envelopes. But hat no P. Stamps nor money theirfor I wroat to him to send me five dollars encloasing a envelope with my adres on it. The same as yours. You can asque him wether he has send me them five dollar or not, that I wroat for . I think I will git my pay in a day or so. And then I shal come for a day or so I think I can git Lieve of Absents for a day or so. News I dont know much besides what I have wroat to you. And about the rent. You can do as you can cheapest and best. Let me know how and wher you will remain after this.

I am glad to hear that your health is so good and very near morso that Casper is increas-

ing so fast. Just take good ker [care] of him and yourself. I know that you wont hurt your self. At least I dont hoap so. I have plenty to do hear now. Enough to brake a persons Branes[Brains] disputing with officers but none of all has made eny thing of me yet Mr General Wallace & D.C..

I shal cloas my few lines and Remain Your True Husband until Deth. Give My Best Respects to all inquiring Friends. Expesly Your Mother, Brother & Sisters , S. Craig, all the Brewers, Heddy & C.

Yours for Ever.

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