

Camp near Bellefonte, Alabama

Jan. 5, 1863

Cate Schmidt

Wapakoneta, O.

It is with plesior that I drop those few lines to you hoaping that they may find you so as all the ballance in good health. Thank fortion my health is good and my wond[wound] is about heald up. Christmas and New Years is past and I supose you had a nice tyme of it. But I had a very bad Christmas and New Years day. Christmas we stoped at Bridgeport, Ala. and next day we marched via Steafeson[Stevenson], Ala.. Wher we got out of rations and marched three days without enything to eat. Reign[rained] all the way and waded mud up to our Knees and Creeks to our Arms and very coald. Arived here our Rations ware misscaried and had to do three days longer without eny thing to Eat Except what we forged, that was one sheap and a litle corn meal.

Yesterday our Regiment was Orderd to march to the R.R. where we went twelf miles and pulled down one carr with Crackers & Baken. Coald as could be, no tents & C. the above will do us until we well git some more. News I dont know much. Recruiting is going slow about One Hundred Men in our Regiment have inlisted again, Sevon of Co. C. for three years longer. I supose A. Kohler, Wm Karpp & others wich ware wounded at Mission Ridge are at home now on Furlough. And those Recruits that have Inlisted will be at home on furlough befor long, J. Snider, A. Wolf & others. I shal close my few lines and Remain Your True Husband until deth parts us.

Henry Schmidt

Captain 37 Regt. O.V. Inf.

2ed Brig. 2ed Div. 15th A.C.

Camp near Bellefonte, Ala.

Best Respects to all , Your Mother, Brother & C., My Father & Mother and Brother & J. Schubert.

Larkinsville, Ala.
Jan. 13, 1864

Cate Schmidt.
Wapakoneta, O.

Your kind letter of the 1st Inst. has come to hand, seeing that your health is good, which pleased me very much. Thank fortion my health is fine and so is all the ballance of the boys. We are now in our Winter Quarters at the above place, how long we well stay I do not know. News I dont know much. I will cloas these few lines. I suppose you had a nice tyme Christmas and New Years. You say that if you would if bin here I wouldent if got mad, may be but One or Two kisses wouldent have prevented it, as you stated. Give my best Respects to all and I remain your Husband until deth. [Captain]

Henry Schmidt
Captain Co. C. 37th Regt. O.V. Inf.
2ed Brig. 2ed Div. 15th A.C.
Camp near Larkinsville, Ala.

Larkinsville, Ala.
Jan 22, 1864

Cate Schmidt.
Wapakoneta, O.

It is with plesior that I drop those few lines to you , hoaping they may find you in a state of good health. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme. With this you will find a NewYears gift which you can read, if you cant let John or some body els, for it is very good. Safe it after you had it read, if you cant read it let me know and I will send you an English one composed by myself. Which will be litle but sweet. I copiet the German from a Newspapers New Years present.

I shal close those few lines & Remain your Old Man until deth.

Henry Schmidt
Capt. Co. C. 37th Regt. O.V. I
2ed Brig. 2ed Div. 15th A. Corps.
Camp near Larkinsville, Ala.

I wish you a happy New Years [1864] & C. & C. & C.. Answas soon. It is over two weeks sience I recieved your last letter. H.S.

Larkinsville, Ala.
Feb. 7, 1864

Cate Schmidt.
Wapakoneta, O.

Your letter of the 2ed Inst. has come to hand, stating that your health is good. Thank
fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme. Stil we have had hard tymes we got
hear and put up our Winter Quarters. We hardly had them done when we recieved orders
to march. We marched from the 25th of last month, where marched every day and came
back yesterday evening. A distance of over One Hundred and thirty miles. We ware in
thirty miles of Rome, Georgia. Wher we whaled the Reble Cavelry and then came back
for we had no more to eat. This afternoon about two hours ago, we recieved orders again
to keep redy to march at a moments notice. As I have stated in my poetry wich I com-
posed today for you. I suppose it will suit you if you coax me. I might compose an other
one and send it the next tyme. I think you can let others read it I dont see eny harm in it,
but letters like this dont show nobody for I make to meny mistakes when I write fast.
This which I have composed I took a little more pain. I cant say yet wher we will go yet. I
think to Knoxville or Chattanooga . I will let you know as soon as poseble, Keep the
poetry and dont lose it, for it is my first one an it made me sweet today. Give my best
Respects as mension in the other. Jo Schubrd & Wife, Chs. Carber & Wife, All Klugs,
Mary Smith, John & his Wife & C. and I Remain your truly.

Henry Schmidt
Capt. Co. C. 37th Rgt. Ohio Vol. Inf.

Larkinsville, Ala.
Feb. 7, 1864

It is my wife I look on now,
Her picture fills my breast,
My babe which died in its tenderness,
How oft have I carrest,

I see the shades of a face so dear,
Although its far away,
How oft I shed the briny tears,
And hope for better days,

I sit down by the shady bowers,
And think of days thats gone,
When I could spent some happy hours,
With my dear Cate at home,

But O! alas! you know and see,
Those days have past and gone,
When I could have some liberty,
With my dear Cate at home,

You are the objects of my heart,
You are my love and care,
When sleeping on my lonely couch,
I dream of my dear Cate at home,

When trouble, like the stormy cloud,
Its painful hours roll on,
Tis then I sing my songs and think,
Of my dear Cate at home,

It is the great and now beloved,
My God. I speak of now,
Oh would he move this morning cause,
Of my dear Cate at home,

I lie down on my sleeping bed,
Sad, wery and alone,
I give my praise to God and think,
Of my dear Cate at home,

I slumber on my couch all night,
My haversack my pillow,
The bugle blowes at morning light,
Oh my dear Cate for ever,

But O! alas! I must now close,
The order has come to march,
I bid farewell to you my lass,
My Cate and Wife for ever,

Give my best Respects to Sam, Sally and Hedy,
Father, Mothers and John to,
One kiss to Sissy and Libby,
Be shure and keep one for you.

Composed at Larkinsvilla, Ala. this 7th day
of February 1864 by Captain Henry Schmidt
Comanding Company C. 37th Regt. O.V. Inf.

Headquarters Co. C. 37th Regt.
Ohio Vol. Infantry 2ed Brig.
2ed Div. detachment of 15th A.C.
Feb. 20, 1864

Cate Schmidt.
dear Wife Wapakoneta, O.

It is with plesior that I drop those few lines to you hoaping that they may find you in a state of good health. Thank fortion my health is good excepting my feet and they are Increasing again they ware all blistered and the blod had bin runing from them in my boots, from marching so much. We have not had any resting day for some tyme, we have marched over One Thousand and Two Hundred Miles sience we left Vicksburg. I send [\$200.] say Two Hundred dollars to father again per Adams Express Company from Stevenson, Ala., while we past by their. News I dont know, wich I shal close my few lines & Remain your true Husband until deth parts us. Give my best Respects to all, Your Moth, Broth, Sisters & C..

Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Rgt. O.V.I Comdg. Co. C.
2ed Brig. 2ed Div. detachment 15th A.C.
Cleveland, Ala.

Cleveland, Tenn.
Feb. 23, 1864

Cate Schmidt.

Dear Wife Wapakoneta, O.

Your letter of the 14th Inst. has just come to hand which pleased me very much, to see that your health is good. Thank fortion my health is all right. I weigh One hundred and eighty pounds. I would be fat enough to butcher. We have stopet here at the above said place. We have had marching orders, the next day we came here but ware countermandet on account the Regiment reinlisting purty strong in the Veteran Cohr, the boys in my company had bin hanging on me saying if I would go with them, they would go with me. I promist the Company if three forth or more would Reinlist as Veterans, I would stay with them. Dear Wife this promis was hard for me but I dit it and must stick to it provid- ing the Company Reinlists which I partly think they will do. If so you will soon see me at home with the Company. I think the whole Regiment will go all together to Cleveland, O. & from their each Company will recieve thirty days lieve of Absents to go home. I just wright this to you so you know that I have made that promis. I am torable shure that the Regiments will go as veterans for three years. During the war, unles sooner Discharged. Dear Wife dont be down hearted, if so, that I must keep my promis and stay longer with the company to help to Crush the Rebellion. For I know they have plaid their last Trump and I am partly bount[bound] providing the Company Reinlists, to take their last trump and this trump will, shal and must Yonker them. I am angtions[anxious] to see the last of this war but I wont reinlist if the Company dont. If she dos, I must keep my promis. I shal let you know more about it after while and if the Regiment and Company Reinlist, let you know when I will come home with the Company. Dear Wife do not git down heartet. If you do I shal raise it again. I love you dearly but My Country needs me and no true Wife will begrug if her Husband sticks to defend his Country, this Rebellion shal be put down but you might say, I have served long enough and let those go wich are to home, that is all right but do you think that if those cowerds at home will stand and face the Enemy like we, that are youst to it? Oh! no the Rebs has good fighting men and such Green men would git whiped, so that nothing would be left of them, without the asist- ance of old Soaldiers, and an other thing Our Flag has a menia hole recieved from the

Enemy balls and has not yet bin disgraced yet, so far and do you think it is right for me to lieve my Company & Regiment and let cowerds take our 37th, so memia blnd stained cullers, no let our 37th Stars & Stripes, our Red, White & blue & the Great Coas[cause] we entert the service of the United States, no I say stick and crush the Rebellion at once and then go home and lieve with the Sweet and Dear Ones at home in peace. Which I hoap me and you shal do through the help of God.

I shal close those few lines and remain your Husband for Ever.

Henry Schmidt

Captain 37th Regt. O.V.I Comdg. Co. C.

2ed Brig. 2ed Div. detachment 15th A. Corps.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Cleveland, Tenn.
Feb. 25, 1864

The days rolls on, the sun goes down,
An other day is passed.
Down on my lonely couch I lie,
To take my silent rest.

My mind transports with dreams & thought,
It roams the sad nights play.
To think I am a Vetran here,
And you so far away.

When first I kissed your blooming cheek,
But little did I think
That such a sad display as this,
Would mar or meet our minds.

But Oh! alas! its come we know,
And thats enough to say.
Like patriots of old we go,
And think of better days.

You are my wife most surely true,
You are my love and care.
And in my deepesst agonies,
I think of you my dear.

When trouble like a stormy cloud,
Comes on me as I roam.
Tis then I think of babe which died,
And wife I left at home.

O! may the God of Heaven keep,
And guide you by the way.
While in the Grave our babe does sleep,
We'll hope for better days.

O! would that happy day approach,
Our joys would be complete.
The Captain could then go see,
His Cate and Wife so sweet.

O! Cate how oft I think of thee,
And gladly shal I come.
Three weeks or more it will be,
And you will see me at home.

I hope to be at Wapak befor Easter,
My Cate at home to meet.
My Parents your Mother and Sister,
And my Company marching up Street.

Maj. Hipp will see you and _____,
_____ Comp. C. _____,
With the Captain _____,
_____.

The last four lines of this poem has some German in it. Can't read.

Composed by Henry Schmidt
Captain Condg. Co. C/ 37 O.V.I.
2 Brig 2 Div. detachment 15th A. Corps.

The days rolls on, the sun goes down,
day after day is passed.
I lie on my lonely couch & lie
in my silent nest.

My mind transmits with dreams, through
the same: the bad nights' play;
So that I view a February morn'g
And year so far and my

Then first I kissed your glowing cheek
But little did I think, I
That such a sad display as this
Would mar or melt our friendship.

Your Oh! alas! it's come we know
all too stark enough to say,
like patriots of old we
shall think of better days.

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 Yours are my wife most surely true,
 & you do love and care,
 And you say deepest agonies
 I think of you my dear.

Whose trouble like a stormy cloud,
Whose voice on me as a rain,
The storm I think of babe which died,
And wife who left at home

Q: may the God of "Heaven help,
abundant grace sent by the Holy
Spirit in this Gospel our Father does help
us. hope for better days.

It would that happy day approach
Our joy would be complete,
The Captain & I could then go see
his wife and wife so sweet

Oh! Write now oft. I think of thee,
And gladly shall come
Three weeks for more it will be
And you will see me at home

I hope to be at Hampton St. or London
by half past three to meet
my parents your mother and sister
and my homecoming morning at 10

Maj. Keitz will see you in my office tomorrow
and I can get the job of draftsman.
With the Captain and all other members
of the staff at present - the same as before.

Witnessed by: Henry Schmidt
Captains: George E. C. 37 O.V.I
2nd Lt. 2nd Lt. detachment: 15th A. Coy

Headquarters Company C.
37th Regiment O. Veteran V. Inf.
2 Brigade 2 Division
detachment. 15th A.C.
Cleveland, Tenn.
Feb. 25, 1864

Dear Wife.

Catharine Schmidt.

Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co., Ohio.

Your letter of the 16th Inst. has come to hand which pleased me very much, seeing that your health is good and all the ballance. Thank fortion my health is good and splended you coaxed me a litle in your last and you will find an other piece of Poetry in with this, which I suppose will suit you. I dont know, at least I hoap so, that it will. News I dont know but very litle. I wroat in my last letter that I promist the Company, if three fourth of the Company Reinlists in the Veteran Cohr, I shal stay with them, now I have three forth and I shal go for three years longer.

Dear Wife I shal soon see you at home as I have statet in my last letter and In the poetry I have in this letter. I shal close those few lines and Remain your true Husband until deth parts us.

Be shure and answar as soon as poseble, it will be about 3 or 4 weeks befor I will meet you, mcby not so long. Give my best Respecs to all friends, expesly Father and Mother and Sister & Brother & Mother.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V. I.
15th A.C.

Dear Wife excuse bad wrighting, I god tierd wrighting the poetry & compose it.

Larkinsville, Ala.
March 14, 1864

Cate Schmidt.

Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Dear wife,

Your letter of the 9th Inst. has just come to hand which pleased me very much, seeing that your health was good. Thank God my health is good and so is all the ballance of the boys. I recieved them two pairs of socks, you send by Andrew Kohler of my Company. I shal give you the following instruction in relation to you going to Cleveland, Ohio via Toledo, Ohio. When our Regiment goes home, it will probably stay at Cleveland, Ohio several days and I would like for you to see our full Regiment march through the town , which I supose will give you a great cal of sport. Theodors Niebergs wife will go with you. She will come from St Marys and go with you per Rail Road to Cleveland. We will Telegraph to you and Mrs Nieberg when to come. You can prepair for the journey, until I telegraph to you to come with Mrs. Nieberg. After you git to Cleveland, O., you go to the Angier House on corner of St. Clair and Bank Street, Cleveland, O.

If you havent cloths enough or good enough you git them when you can [but I dont want to see you with a Flap?]. If you have no Bonet, buy one or use something els suitable. Meby Mrs Nieberg will stay over night with you. I dont know, at least be redy in tyme to go with the Train. When you git the dispach you have one day longer tyme, then Mrs. Nieberg. Probably you will git the dispach in about a week. I shal sent it either from Louville or Cincinnati, O., to give you tyme to be at Cleveland, befor we well and see us coming. I remain your true Husband.

Henry Schmidt

Cleveland, Ohio
April 26, 1864

Cate Schmidt
Dear wife.

Wapakoneta, Ohio.

In haste I drop a few lines to you hooping they may find you as I left you last evening 11 P.M. at the depot. I arived at Toledo, sound and safe, with all my men at 3 Oclock A.M. this morning and remained in the Depot til five Oclock P.M., when I startet for Cleveland. Major Charles Hipp joined us at Toledo and we arived at Cleveland this morning, nine Oclock thirty minuts A.M. and then took the Company to Camp Cleveland about one mile south of the City. Wher I reported myself all right and have the honor to be Officer of the day, this day.

I dont feel as well as I might, what is the reason? I dont know. You dont need to answer this letter, for we lieve here a Thursday morning, for I would not git it. I shal drop a few lines to you where ever I git a chance and tel you when to wright, so that it may be posable to git your letters.

Give my best Respecs to all. If Casper is at home yet to & his wife. That John Fisher who was so drunk last night, came to me this morning and bade me to forgive him, if he wronged me, I told him I would and put him on guard. He was as dirty as a hog but came to Cleveland clean, for I made him clean him self and so he dit.

I shal close now and remain your True Husband until deth parts us, hoaping that we [O dear] may meet again if not on earth shurly in Heaven.

Good by dear Wife.

Henry Schmidt
Captain Co. C. 37 Regt. O.V. I

Cincinnati, O.
April 30, 1864

Cate Schmidt. Dear wife.
Wapakoneta, O.

It is with plesior that I drop those few lines to you, hoping they may find you in the same Gods Blessing. Thank fortion my health is all right. We left Cleveland, Ohio on Thursday last at Eleven Oclock A.M. per Rail Road and arrived at Columbus at Nine Oclock and at Cincinnati on Friday morning at five Oclock. Where we marched up town and got in the Bericks and remained until now and well lieve per Steamer Mail Boat at Twelve Oclock this day Saturday. I found Casper and his Wife all in good health and both ware very kind to me. Casper ditent nor wouldent wrik sience I am here, I have eat with them sience I am here and I am very well sadisfied and more so pleased to see a Brother care so much about me. You may wright a letter to Larkinsville and I will recieve it for we are a going there. Casper and wife sends ther best Respects to you. Please and right a letter to Casper and his wife , in care of Casper. For it isent more than right. I shal close those few lines and Remain Your true Husband until deth parts us. I left my old Blouse, pleas and send it as soon as poseble.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.I.
2 Brig. 2 Div. 15 A.C.
Cincinnati, O.

Good by der Wife.

Steaveson, Ala.
May 7, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife
Wapak., O.

It is with haste that I drop those few lines to you hoping they may find you in a state of good health. Thank fortion my health is torable good, my cold is very bad yet. We left Cleveland on Tuesday at 9 1/2 Oclock, arived at Columbus at 8 P.M. and left Columbus at 9 P.M.. Arrived at Cincinnati at 5 A.M. on Wednesday and remain until Saturday morning and arived at Lousville on sunday morning 8 A.M. & remain until Tuesday wher we left at 5 P.M. and arived at Nashville on Wednesday evening at 6 P.M.. Having had a Brake down the Train run off the Track. Killed three of our Men , an woundet twenty seven, so that we hat to lieve them back, lots of others got Brussed heads and Blody Noses. I got a Blody Nose and a Blue Shin thats all . I am all right yet our Cohr has gon to the front and has bin fighting sience yesterday, we are gone direct to Chattanooga and then to the front to our Chor [Corp].

Dear Wife Pray that God the almighty may see your true Husb. and Sound and safe out of this terable Batle, which I think will soon take place and we will shurely be in it. Pleas answer soon and direct your letter as on the envelope, they ware none of my company fortuneatly hurt bad on the Run off..

I shal close and Remain Your True Husband until Deth parts us. Give my best Respects to all. I am wrighting this while the Train stops.

I am yours for Ever
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th O.V.I.

You will find a few photograph in this, put them in the album. Pleas send my Blouse as soon as poseable. Dear Wife.

Amen.

Chatanooga, Tenn.
May 8, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Wapakoneta, O.

Dear wife.

It is with plesior that I drop those few lines to you hoaping they may find you in good health. Thank fortion I am all right yet. News I dont know much, our Regiment recieved new Guns and Equipage. We will lieve this place tomorow morning at five Oclock befor day light. It is hot enough here to rost a man, my nose bled four tymes today and I fell [feel] a good eal better. My bad cold is descreasing fast, but wher we go I cant tell probably towards Dalton. I understand that our Cohr is going that way. It has bin fighting for the last three days, not hard, for the Rebs are retreating sloly[slowly]. They ware several reports today of our forces ocuping Dalton. I hope it is so, our forses are torable strong in front about One Hundred and fifty thousand active men. I think we can and will do something. Hoping that God the Almighty may stand to our side and keep us sound and safe, so that we may once return to our Dearest Ones at home, expesly I, to you my dearest & truest Wife. I shal wright soon. Give my best Respects to all Inquiring friends. Did you tell me in your letter wher Henry is or has he not wroat yet. I am your true Husband until deth parts us.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regiment
of Ohio Vetren Volunteers Inf.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

This is the forth letter I wright to you since I left Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co., Ohio.

Camp near Roam, Ga.
May 20, 1864

Kate Schmidt Wapakoneta, O.
Dear wife.

Your letters of the 3ed Inst. have come to hand. I am pleased to hear that your health is good. Thank God I am all right yet, we have had some hard fighting sience I left you. We arrived at Chatag., Tenn. on the Sixth inst, recieved new guns & C. for our men. We left on the 7th Guarding some of our Chor[corp]. Train arived at our Div. on the 11th Inst, which was stationed in Shugar Valley, we then advansed on Rsecca[Reseca], Georgia. We first Built Brest wirks on the head of the Valley. We then comenst fighting the enemy all the way to Resacca, Ga.. Wher they ware fortified very strong, we charged on their wirks, drove them out. They charged back three tymes but ware repulsed every tyme with grate Stemter and in the night of the 16th Inst. lieving all their dead, unburied. We then followed him up close, taking a good meny Prisoners, 4 Peaces of Artilery and whaling him every tyme, he made a stand. On the day of the Charges against the enemy fortifications, we lost in our Regt. Lient. Wise killed, Capt. Schoening & Capt. Haun??. Mortaly wonded so they will hardly git over, a lot of Privates and non Comisioned officers ware killed and wonded, but we all got through better then we thought we would. I & Company C. was rather luckey only got one man wonded, not very bad. Private August Nabel of New Bremen. We are now between Roam and Kingston. The enemy retreating, burning a lot of their wagon Trains, they retreated so fast , so they hadent tyme to destroy the Rail Road but one bridge and that was made and the Trains came as far as here this morning. We will follow the Enemy Reble Gen. Jonson to Atlanta, I think. Hoaping that the Almighty may grant me safe and return me sound and safe to you befor long and that this terable may be ended. Give my best Respects to all Inquiring friends, tell me in your next, wher Brother John is with, S. Craigs Company.

I remain your true Husband until deth parts us. God be with you and dont forgit me in all your Prayers. Directions

Henry Schmidt Captain
37th Regt. O. V. V. Inf.
2 Brig. 2 Div. 15 A.C.
Camp near Kingston, Georgia

I dont know what put you in the idea to send my blouse by Express. I will never get it.

Filson Historical Society

Camp near Kingston, Ga.
May 22, 1864

Cate Schmidt. Wapakoneta, O.
Dear wife.

Your letter of the 11th Inst. has come to hand which pleased me very much, hearing that your health was all right yet. Thank fortion my health is good at present. Dear wife it is just two years today when I was a prisoner with the enemy and just one year today that we stormed the Fortifications at Vicksburg. The month of May has a great history of my life, in May 1862 we got married, in May I was wounded the first tyme and taken Prisoner and reliesed again on Parole and when twenty three of My Company["C."] were killed and wounded in May 1863. We marched the hard March around in near of Vicksburg and the fight on the 16th, 17th, 18th, & 19th, 20th & 21st and the charge on the enemys wirks on the 22ed and a continued combat every day and night the whole month, wher I lost a mena good comrad dying beside me with their blod draining to the last drop, for their and our Country, God the Almighty may grant that I may be as luckey as I have bin henseforth, hoaping that he may hear mine and your earnest Prayers and return me to your Arms once more. In 1864 the month of May has a considrable of a history, relating myself and Comrads, from the 11th on we have had a constant combet with the enemy, drove him in his strong hold at Resacca, Ga.. On the 13th stormed his strong wirks which ware built on large hills and thank God we have caried them and held them. The enemy made three charges so that we and the enemy came face to face but our men never give an inch but drove the enemy from them with grate slauter [slaughter], so that you could see 30, 40 or some places hundreds laying on piles. the enemy fierd with shot and shell in to us but not a man winket , nor give, nor backet an inch. We lost considrable but nothing to that of the enemy, we lost several splendet Officers out of our Regiment. I supose you know part of them, Lientanent Wise was killed instantly, Captain Shoening was wounded mortaly and died the next day, Captain Haum was wounded and will heardly git over it, besides we have only lost seventeen men. I only lost one man, slightly wounded , Private Jacob Frey of New Bremen. He got his litle Finger shot off of his left hand and a flesh wound in the ankle of his left knee. I supose that God the almighty grantet my wish for My Company ["C."] always had to suffer more than others and this tyme got through very

luckey. But dearest on earth, this captain has hardly comenst yet. We the enemy retreatet in the night of the 15th and we followed up as far as Roam & Kingston fighting him all the way and some tymes purty hard. The enemy has retreatet towards Atlanta, Georgia. We got a three days rest, now the Rail Road from Chattanooga to Dalton and from their to Resecca and to Kingston and Roam, has bin fixt [fixed]. Rations being fetched here now and tomorow morning. Our whole Army will start for Atlanta, Ga., or wher ever the enemy may be and give him Battle. This will be a hard campain for us. We take with us twenty days rations on wagons, being all together without Rail Road Communications after we lieve tomorow. The weather is awful hot, it makes the last drop of greas come which a person has in him. You want to know what is the reason that your Brother Henry is at Columbus, O. yet. You know as I told you that he was rejectet by the Pay master and then afterwards exceptet by a Medical Board, which will requier some tyme befor the papers nesesity are returned from Washington, D.C. and dont trouble yourself about him for he is better off if he is at Columbus, O. and remains their yet a few months, than be with us for this campaign would be very hard on him. The other recruits are all here, they have stod it well enough but stil it goes harder with them then with the Old ones which are more youst to it. The recruits don well to, they also ditent move an inch at the charge. Dear wife you havent wroat to me in none of your letters wether you got Sam Craigs note for them two Hundred Dollars or not and dit not tel me how much board per week or month you are to pay & C. and tell me wether Leobold Jacobs got his Bear Caig [beer keg] or wether you had it fetched up to Fathers. Dear Cate, I think I dit not pay John Brewer for the dray to take my Boxes & C. to the depot, if so you can settle, your twenty five cents he owes you and if any more pay it to him. Tell me how you are sadisfied at Sarahs and how your Mother likes it, wether she is with you at Sarys or not. Take good care of your silk dress dont slomp it off right away and take good care of my Cloathing, Clean them reguarly and hang them out in the fresh air. If you need bleached moslin & C. you can git it at Fathers on credit, take a new small book and have it entred on it, be saving with those twenty dollars I left you, for I cant say when I will git paid. It is a bad sight of giting paid, soon in this Campaign. But dear wife I dont know what put you in the Idea of sending my blouse by express, one chance in a hundred and I will git it,

but I dont think I ever will and if I do the express charges will be more than the whole blouse is worth, therefor never send any more out in the field. A person can easier send from here home and then it gits lost the grater tymes.

I shal close for this tyme, hoaping our campain will faver us which will comence tomorow befor daylight. Give my best respec to all inquiring friends.

I am your Husband until deth parts us, Dear Cate.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
2ed Brig. 2ed Div. 15th A.C.

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Camp near Dallas, Ga.
May 30, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Wapakoneta, O.

Dear wife.

In haste I take my Pen in hand to let you know that I am well, sound, hearty and safe and not Killed or Wounded [wounded] yet. Since the last Letter I wrote to you from Camp near Kingston, Ga., we have had and seen a good many hard days, we have been fighting now for five days and hard as you will see in the following history of the past since May 23rd. As I have said that we took a three days rest at Camp near Kingston, Ga. and Rome, Ga. on the 23rd, 1864 we started with 3 days Rations in our Haversacks and Twenty days on Wagons. Our Army of the Tennessee consisting of the 15th Cohr, Gen. John A. Logans [ours], the 16th Cohr, Gen. McPhersons and 17th Cohr, Gen. Hulburt. Our Cohr had the advance of this Army, Gen. Hooker & Thomas, Command the center and Gen. Skofield the left Flank besides one Division of Cavalry on each Flank & One Division in the rear for safety sake. On the 25th we heard the distant roar of Artillery and Infantry and a sure sign of battle had begun. Coming closer and closer to us, from the Direction of Gen. Thomas and Gen. Hooker, we had already camped for the night and I was ordered on Picket with my Company and One Company of each Regiment in our Brigade, we were soon called in and we moved forward, our advance soon struck the enemy and the Battle Roared loud and strong along the whole line, at least a line of Twenty Miles. The enemy had chosen a advantageous position on the opposite of a ravine, leading both ways from Marietta, Ga., near the Rail Road to Dallas, where we now are. We soon formed a line of Battle and Picket an Advantageable Position about two miles north of Dallas. Where we remained all night, at day break we marched on driving the enemy in their Breast works near Dallas, South of the same about one mile [the Roar of Canons and Musketry died away at 11 O'clock last night] when the Roar of Artillery and Infantry had commenced along the line as far as your ears could hear and it still increased more and more until it became a continued Roar which lasted till after ten O'clock in the night. On the 27th it was the same way, we worked day and night while part were fighting the Johnny Rebs, other day away and made Breast works opposite of the enemys works,

which we could not see, except in a very few points, on account of the thick woods and underbrush. We cut off the Brush in front of us and behind. Which was kept up day & night and at 5 O'clock in the afternoon, the Enemy came forwards in four columns deep, drove our skirmishers in and charged our Brest works along the whole line. We let them come up in twenty yards, then opened on them with Artillery and Infantry which was worse than the Strongest hail storms. The Enemy was soon routed and what were not Killed or Wounded, retreated in double quick. It lasted about one half hour here and the Rebels were laying thirty and forty on piles, it was an awful sight, for the wounded Rebels screamed and howled and we captured a lot of Rebels which were not wounded. I must now close. Last night the Enemy made nine charges on our works but were repulsed each time with heavy loss. Which lasted till four O'clock this morning. Next time I shall tell you more about it for I must close for the firing has commenced on our left and right and I think the Johnny Rebs will try us again at 5 O'clock this evening and it is half past four now. We will give them Hell again if they try us, we shall whip them or die, with the help of God. They are very strong here. The Rebels we captured said their Rebel General made a long speech to them before the charge and told them; Soldiers of the Southern Confederacy we have the 15th Corps in front of us, one of the best Corps in the United States Army, but it is very small and we will finish it. But they did not finish it as quick as they thought they would, if they would have charged longer we would have finished them.

I Remain Your True Husband until Death.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V.I
2 Brig. 2 Div. 15 A.C.
Camp near Dallas, Ga.
Via Chattanooga, Tenn.

Camp near Dallas, Ga.
June 3, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife.

I am still as sound as a fiddle. Nothing new at present until I recieve a letter from you. I forgot in my last, to tel you that Seargt. Andrew Kohler of my Company is wounded in the brest by Musket Ball. I supose no danger.

I am your true Husband until deth.
Henry Schmidt

Henry Nye came to us today. All well.

Addres
Mr Henry Nye.
Co. C. 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Camp near Dallas, Ga.
Via Chattanooga

Camp near Dallas, Ga.
June 6, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

In haste I take my Pen in hand to inform you that I am stil sound and safe. Hoaping those few lines may find you in good health. The Rebles have retreatet last night, they were awful strongly fortified in front of us. They had five lines of earth wirks and forts with thirty eight peaces of Artillery. We moved from the right, wher we ware at first and where the Rebles charged on us and Whipt so very bad and went in the center and relieved the twentieth Chor and others, Generl's Jo. Hookers comand, they went to the extream left and flanket the Rebles, which compeled them to retreat. I can not tel you how meny Prisoners we made this tyme. The rumor is that Genl. Jo. Hooker took over two thousand besides some Canons. We got sixty here in front of our Division. The weather is very bad for it has bin riegning [raining] for the last three days and nights.

Day befor yesterday your Brother Henry Nye came to us, and he is in good spirit and his health is fine. He wroat a letter to you yesterday and I put a few wirds in it. I can not yet say what dosnt [doesn't] stand befor us now, wether we will follow the Enemy right away or not. May be that we will rest a few days and then follow them to Atlanta, Ga.. Wher we will without doubt find them again and very likely some fifteen miles on this side, wher they will stand and give us a full reseption, probably Breakfast, Diner and Supper at once. Hoaping with the help of the Almighty God we will again be Master of our foe and remain so until the last Reble is either Killed or crushed. It is now better than one month sience I recieved the last letter from you. I supose when I git them I will see more than One. News I have not herd any from home, how the National Guards is, wher and when they startet from Wapak., wether they draftet in Auglaize County, O. . How Sam Craig likes it and where and what he is, how all the folks are at Wapakoneta & scrounding Cuntry. The blouse you send by expres is probably gon up Salt River with the letter you put in it. Dit John, My Brother, have to go with Sam Craig or not and wher is his wife at Sidney or Wapakoneta, O. and how does she git along and dit you git Sam Craigs Note for the two Hundred Dollars or not and do you know how much board you have to pay to Mrs. Sam Craig and is your Mother with you and Sary, or not.

I suppose you know that Scargt. Andrew Kohler of My Company ["C."] was woundet in the Right Brest by a Musket Ball, which paset up to the shoulder and is in his shoulder yet. I shal close my few lines and Remain Your True and Everlasting Husband until Deth.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th Army Corps.
Camp near Dallas, Ga..

Answer Soon.

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Camp near Big Shanty.
June 12, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife.

Your letter of the 31st of May has come to hand which pleased me very much, to hear that your health was all right again. Thank fortion mine is all right on the Goose yet and so is your Brother, Henry, he has a head like a Young Bull, the ballance of the boys are all the same. Andrew Kohler is recovering fast from his wound & at first was afraid it might be severe but it is doing fine and will be able to join his Company befor long. News I dont know but the weather is very bad, it reigns[rains] nearly every day. We are stil engaged with the Joheys [Johneys] yet. We are now on the extream left, at first we ware on the extream right, then ware shiftet to the center, relieving Genl. Jo. Hooker as statet in my last letter and now we are on the ext. left, but a good eal farther in advance than befor. I can not give you any detailes for the Batle is raging along the line and I suppose we will have some sport with the Johey Rebs befor long, when I shal hope that we will whip them as befor at Receca, Dallas and at New Hope Church. The Rebs have a splended Pasish in front of us, they occupy a long Ridge is called the Horse Shoe Ridge, which is on this side of Mariatta, Ga, wher they have from three to five diferant Wirks and fortifications. But one thing we have to meny troops for them, we can take it slow and easy and flank them which will compell them to retreat from one place to the other, until Atlanta, wher we will do the same trick, stil we haint their yet and will be probably several days befor we will but one thing shure is that we are bound to go there or do nothing els.

You statet in your last letter about me not sending an envelope with my letter with directions on. I shal tell you why I dit not do so. I had no envelopes nor paper with me and havent yet. I beged all the paper and envelopes from the boys. We had to lieve all our Valieces, Book Bages, Map, Boxes & C. at Chattanooga . I havent changed my clothes sience I left the above place, Chattanooga which is nearly five weeks and havend even had them off day nor night. I go to bed with shoes, pants, coat & C. on.

I shal close my few lines and Remain your true Husband until deth.

Captain Henry Schmidt

37th Regt. O.V.V.I.

2ndB. 2ndD. 15thA.C.

He wrote on side of each page.

1-I see J. Distelrath & both Hellers & the whole band.

2-I dont suppose wrighting my addres bothers you to much as you said in your last letter.

3-Give my best Respects to all Inquiring friends, Especly Sary & your Mother.

4-Dit Jo Schubert go with S. Craig or not.

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Camp near Big Shanty.
June 20, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

In haste I drop those few lines to you hooping they may find you in a state of good health. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme and so is your Brother, Henrys. We have bin fighting the Johncey Rebs for the last five days, again they had a awful strong position. Yesterday morning they left their fortifications and now occupy an other one. I, with three other Companys and some of other Regiments fit[fight] the Rebs all day yesterday. Reigning [raining] all day, stil thank fortion I had no man hurt of my Company. I think by this evening or tomorow we will compell the Rebs to retreat out of their fortifications or wpit[whip] them.

News I cant tel you very much now, all but this, that I havend had a dry stitch on me for the last ten days Today every man in our Chor[Corp] got one pint of Lard Oil. for to I got a letter of Casper the other day, he statet that he was draftet, as you statet befor but had not gon yet, nor knew what to do. Give my best Respects to all, Sarah, your Mother & C.

Your true Husband until deth.
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th O.V.V. Inf.

I havent tyme to wright more.

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Camp near Big Shanty.
June 26, 1864

Cate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

In haste I take the liberal oppertunaty of dropping a few lines to you. Hopeing that they may find you in good health. Thank fortion my health is all right on the goose, all except the Body guard which I have had bothered me day and night. I ketched the most of them and going to have a splended Supper this evening, for I bit all the heads off, so my stomach can bare them. I had some as large as a Porquapine & C.. News I dont know but very litle for I ditant git no letter from no body for three weeks. We are stil fighting the Johnney's, yesterday I with Company "C." [My Company] Skermished with the Johnney Rebs all day yesterday, they got us in a bad place yesterday but got through safe. All other Companys lost more or less, men killed and wounded. It is nothing like being carefull in such places, stil we ditent stay any in depter to them all day, after dark we ware relieved. The weather is fine and the boys are all in fine spirit. Henry, your Brother, is well now, he was shot in the neck a few days ago, we got some Beer & Whiskey & C. and he got shot by the above and I got sick in the Belly and krank in the Headache, stil today it dont make a difabiterance [difference?] to eather your or I, rood Hog or dye, Aman. It is very hot here, hot enough to melt a Sugar Nigar made out of lasses. I killed a Squirten Tortil [turtle??] the other day and made a snuf Box out of it. I feel a litle better now than I did an hour ago, for I was as mad as hell. Tell all the folks what you dont know and if I come home [in three and one tenth of a year] I shal take a good Supper of Fried Maggets and Mashed Moshquetoos [mosquitos], a glass of Beer and ginger snaps mid Bretzels.

I shal close those few lines and remain your Dutch Husband until deth parts us. Give my best Respects to all Inquiring Friends, Espesly to your Mother, your Sister & C. & C. & C. & C..

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th R. O.V.V.I
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A. C.
Camp near Big Shanty, Ga.

Big Shanty Station.
June 29, 1864.

Cate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

One again I take my pen in hand to inform you that I am well, sound and safe. Hooping those few lines may find you the same. Weather is very hot here and hot tymes besides makes it very disagreeably as we had a day yesterday. I shal give you a small account of the same. Night befor last, we ware orderd to the Center and the 16th and 17th Cohr leanghtenth [lengthen] their lines so as to fill the wirks which we ocupied. At dusk we moved to the right wher the 14th Chor was stationed, our 1st Div. of our Cohr ocupied the wirks and the 14th Cohr went to the right to reinforce Genl. Hooker, this on the 27 inst.. Yesterday [the 28th] we ware orderd to pile the Knapsacks on piles and take 60 rounds of Cartreges [that is every man] and be redy to charge the Enemy wirks at 8 Oclock A.M.. At 8 A.M. we ware redy and we moved to the right behind our wirks, our Brigade to the extream right [2, Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.] . The 1st Brig. of our Div. charged on our left and One Brigade of the 4th Div. and about One Brigade of the 1st Division on the extream left. We had to charge over a wide open field, some eight hundred yards, we charged in two Columns, the enemy just pooring grape Canester Shell and Musketry into us but as fortion would have it, where our Brigade Advansed, they fired mostly to high. We then came to a thick strip of woods in which the underbrush was partly cut down, giving it a very place to advance in, the Reble skermish line in about the center of it having Brest wirks. We charged up to the winks and on some places the Rebs dit not lieve them until knocket down by our men by the butt of the gun. The above was don more so on our left, most of the Reble skermishers was killed befor they got back to their main wirks, we got to an open place but it was imposeble to advance for they had a heavy Flank fier on our right with Artillery & Infantry on us, we held every inch of ground. We charged over and took a torable nice position on our left and also in our front. We staid then in that position until dark. I & my Co. went out as Skermish line, thus I was again very luckey. I lost one man killed [a splended Soldier] ,William Wiedeman of New Breman, Frank Stas, of New Breman [the one I put you in his care at the dance you know the one] was wounded slightly in the right arm, Charly Kuly[Kuhle] of

New Bremen, very slight on thigh and Adj. Theo. Nieberg was knocked down by a piece of shell but did not break his head, only bruised it and made a knot on it as large as a halve of a fist. He is sound again all but the bruise.

Henry, your Brother stuck to me at the charge like a good fellow, his health and spirits are excellent. He has not received no letter from you ever since he left Columbus, O. nor have I since the 3rd inst. you send. I must close, wishing the best.

I remain your true Husband until death. God may grant that we may soon meet.

H.S. Schmidt.

Filson Historical Society

In the Field beyond Marietta, Ga.
July 5, 1864.

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Your letters of the 22ed & 23ed of June have come to hand. Seeing that you health is good which pleases me very much. Thank fortion my health is good and so is your brother Henrys. The weather is very hot. Sience the charge on the 27th of June, we have seen some more tuff tymes. We then marched back about one mile and made Muster Rolls and got mustered on the 30th. On the 2ed inst., we our Division marched to the extream right and relieved the 2ed Div. of the 23ed Chor, [Genl. Skofields]. I was orderd on Picket, the fornoon was awful hot and a very strong shower we had in the afternoon. The skirmish line was put out, the 30th on my left and the 47th on my right. We had not very much ingagement with the enemy during this day nor night, several shots fiered on both sides. The enemy shelled us some but dit not inger[injure] any one. On the 3 of July at about 11 Oclock A.M., our Brigade was orderd to lieve their knapsacks and haversacks back and advance. Each man provided with 60 rounds of cartriges. They soon found the enemy postet behind wirks on a splended position acrost a crick with several pieces of Artillery also they had a line of wirks on this side of the Crick, ocupied by Johnneys. At five Oclock the 53 and 54th Regt. of our Brigade, made a charge acrost an open field and succeeded in driving the Johnneys out of them wirks, with the Beyonett. Our Regt. was orderd to suport the Batery. Our loss was very small, the 53 lost the heviest, but the men having nothing to carry but their Guns, made a very rapit charge, giving the enemy no chance to fier. After dark the 16 Cohr of our Division arived and relieved our Division and made Brest wirks. An the enemy left Kenesaw Mountain during the night between the 2ed and 3ed and our men ocupied it on the 3ed early. Captured about 2000 Prisoners and drove the enemy through Maricata, Ga. and about 2 1/2 mile beyond wher they have fortified them selves on a small Ridge. The fiering was very strong on our left for we can see it some six miles. The reason why the enemy hat to lieve their strong position was that we got on their flank and ? _____ ? it over five miles so that we were in rear of the Mountains.

July 4th, this day, the Musketry and Artillery fiered very strong all day. The enemy hat to

lieve their works during the night and the 16 Cohr advanced about one mile where they were posted again behind some new works, they having two line of Rifle Pits, at 2 P.M. we were ordered to advance and took position on the Right of the 16th Cohr and made some Rifle Pits and some works for our Artillery at 6 A.M. the 16th Cohr charged on the enemys works and succeeded in taking their first line of works, with about 200 Prisoners and held them. The Johnys tried several tyme to take them back but were repulsed every tyme. The Johnys shelt us in the for part of the night, but dit not do any harm, being covered by the shape of the ground.

I must close what will be the Program for this day & cant say, probably some hard fighting for the Rebs are retreating, followed close by us.

I am your Husband until deth parts us. I knew befor I left home that you not agree with Sarah.

H. Schmidt.

Notes wrote around pages.

1-next tyme I shal give you all instructions. all you do now, let Sarah skold & jaw as much as she pleases, laf at her. May be you can bord at Kate Herings. One thing you must let Sarah talk and keep stil and not talk back.

2-Stay with Sarah as long as your Mother does.

3-I will tell you what to do next tyme.

4-I dont believe you will agree with Aunt Hetty.

Head Quarters. Co. "C" 37th O.
In the Field.
July 13, 1864.

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife.

Your letters of the 22 & 23 of June have come to hand. Which pleased me very much, hoping that they may find you in good health. Thank fortune my health is good and has been so far some time, and so is your Brother Henrys. News I have not very much to write to you. We have succeeded in driving the Enemy across the Chattahooche River and the greater part of our Army is also over. We are still on this side yet, on the extreme right and our Skirmishers are on this side of the River and those of the enemy on the opposite. Both are keeping a slight engagement. We also guard our right, from cavalry which is on our flank on this side of the River yet. The enemy had awful works on this side of the River, made as follows,

They had a strong ground or Earthwork thrown up and some places about twelve feet high. Then they had poles propped in the inside of them some twelve feet high so that no man living could charge over them, without he had wings to fly across. Besides they had fence rails dug in the ground standing towards us, and the tops of said rails pointed and before them trees and brush cut down and piled along every way so that the oldest man in the world could not charge through but they had to lieve all those works for most of our forces crossed the River and were flanking them. I suppose we will remain here, here some time to rest and the whole army will do the same, except the enemy falls back, then we will follow them, but they can't go farther without leaving Atlanta in our hands. We can see Atlanta from here.

Marietta is in our hands since the 3rd of July. It is a splendid town, it is considerably larger than Sidney. Some splendid buildings are in it but the citizens have most all left, it is our depot now. I just have eaten a fine mess of Huckleberries with sugar & C. over them, also Black Berries and dew Berries.

I feel very well but the heat is so awful that it makes the last drop of grease come. You stated in your last letter that you did not come out with Sarah, that two dollars was not enough for her, well may be two and a half [\$2.50] will suit her better. Then pay her a

halve dollar more, but I knew befor I left and had told you so that you wouldent agree with Sarah. If you want to, you may go some place els to board. But I think you wont agree with Aunt Hety much longer, it dont hurt you if you do something for the one you board with in place of going a visiting. About the \$300 of Fathers you can see O. T. Dicker, if he takes it and gives his note [not C. Davises] give it to him and let somebody cifer out the intrest father owes to you, or see Shawber or Timmermiester or Bothey or Blume or Bitler or L. Jacobs. See before you take the money of father and say nothing to him until you know where to put it.

Your Husband
H. Schmidt.

Head Quarters Co. "C" 37th O.V.V.I.
Near Atlanta, Ga.
July 25, 1864

Kate Schmidt

Dear Wife,

Your letters of the 22 & 23 of June and 8 and 9th of July have come to to hand which pleased me very much. Hearing that your health is good. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin so for some tyme. The weather is very hot and fighting hard. I shal give you a small history of what past in the past week, which was very hard on us, on the 13th we marched to the extream left, went through Marietta befor day brake and crost the Chattahooche River at Roswill, about 21 miles above Atlanta wher the Pioneers had made a bridge acrost the river and built very strong brest wirks around in front and around the bridge both flanks of the wirks resting on the river and on the 17th we got orders to march, at 7 Oclock A.M. and we moved on towards Stoney Mt. on the R.R. runing from Atlanta to Charleston, S.C.. We arived their on the 18th and burnt the R.R. track and Bridges & C. to Decater having to fight neardly all the way. At Decater 6 miles from Atlanta we found the Rebs in force and the 23ed Chor joined us and entert Decater, on the 19th at 11 Oclock A.M., where some heavy skermishing took place. Night came and we remained in town, the Rebles burned a large lot of Wagons & C. in town to keep them from falling into our hands and also the Depot, we captured a lot of Tobacko about 2000 spears or lances bran new, on the 20th we advansed beyond the town but soon found the enemy in force but soon succededet in driving them in our front within 2 1/2 miles of Atlanta, where they came to a dead hold. Night came and we built Brest wirks also, the enemy strenghtent their wirks during the night, This day we had the advance of all and moved forward in line of Battle behind our skermish line. July 21st heavy skermishing and canonading all day. The 17th Cohr joined us on the left and had some awful heard fighting to advance their line. July 22th during the night, the enemy had left their wirks and fell back within 1 1/2 miles of Atlanta in their main wirks which ware stationed on a torable high ridge, also the masket their force in our front and also in front of the 17th Cohr, which was unknown to us, we followed up and took posetion of their wirks which they left this night and also the

17th Cohr advanced and done the same, but this we had hardly done and they had comenst charging the wirks when the enemy advanced in large force on the left of the 17th Chor and neardly suprised them, the enemy had got partly in near of the left flank, but our men soon seen what was up through a heavy force on the flank, but our flank was by that tyme partly repulsed, when ours then drove them back, with hard fighting and heavy loss on both sides. The enemy came closer and closer towards us charging along as they came, our Pickets soon came back, part of which were captured, we ware ready behind the wirks waiting for them and soon the Roar of Musketry and Artillery came closer and closer. The enemy moving their colums this way from the left. It was awful to hear the Roar and thunder, the enemy soon apeard in our front advancing in column, an behind the other we soon opent on them and they broak and run, but soon formed again in a holow and came up, but our ded fier and studyely keep up. They broak back and so three tymes, the last tyme they broke to out left and formed behind a large house an some large buildings in front of us, by this tyme the enemy succeedet in breaking our line on the left of the 1st Brigade, and those formed behind the houses & C., made a rush for our Baterys after they had fiered off and crost the wirks, no man their to prevent them from it and in less then a minuet the Rebs were thick also a whole column of Rebs moved forward in a large cut on the Rail Road and got in the rear of us also those that had broak through on the left of the 1st Brigade, those that crossed at the Bateris took some of the Baterymen Prisoner and some succeedet in giting away, the left of the 27th soon give away being compelled to do so, also the 54th and than ours and then the 30th and 53 Ohio. We fell back to the next brest wirks in our rear, and formed again and advanced but without success. By this tyme the 1st Div. seen what was up and they having a splended position, opend their artillery and fierd in the flank of the enemy and soon made them brake so that they could not form, then our Brigade advanced in the flank and drove them back being asistet by one brigade of the 16th Chor. Which charged along the R.R. and took a lot of prisoners, also we, what was left of us, advanced in between both and soon had our wirks back again. the Loss in our Division was this day over 500 killed, wounded and captured and at the 17th Chor, some 700 and four pieces of Artillery which they succeeded in giting away, in our front and 4 pieces at the 17th Chor. Also Maj. Genl.

McPherson was killed, the Comander of our Department, and we killed in our front and 17th Chor over 600 and captured over 1600, besides some artillary, the Reble Lient Genl. Hardie was wounded and died the next morning, he fell into our hands. Of our Regt. was killed Capt. P. Witich, you know him from Loop Creek of Co. "C".. My 2" Lient was wounded, Christ Schnell is missing suposed to be captured, also William Ersig, Captain Schultz of Co. H. was captured and 47 other were killed, wounded & taken Prisoner. I had none killed nor wounded of my Company, your Brother is all right yet, he only had to retreat a little faster to keep from being Captured the same as others we are now prepared for them, they charged on us with two Chors, on our Division which was not halve present being sent to suport the 17th Chor. This tyme I got through safe but am sorry of C. Schnell. You take those \$300. of Father and also the intrest, the intrest you pay your board with, let somebody cipher out the interest of the note and wright in your next, when the note was given and when you got the money & interest and how much you got. If you havent got any body yet to take the \$300. you lay them in your trunk until you have. The 57th lost one flag by this operation and some 80 men. Stil the Johnneys dit not make anything by the operation, they lost the most, three times as much. The dead laid thick in our front. We are now prepared for them and if they come with 4 Chors. Give my best Respects to all, my love to a glass of Beer. I remain your Husband.

H. Schmidt.

Notes on side of pages—

Page 1. on those side lines you can see the number in front as they follow:

1. You can send by mail 20 sheets of paper and envelopes
2. and rap them up like newspapers but put no letter in with
3. them, send it extra, send the paper and c. by mail and pay postage and
4. send me in your next letter one of my good photographs

Back side of pages—

1. I had wroat three letters, one to you, one to Father & one to Casper
2. but had give them to Henry with all the paper and envelopes I
3. had & he lost them by the operation.

Head Quarters, Co. "C". 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
In the field near Atlanta, Ga.
July 30, 1864

Kate Schmidt,

Dear wife,

Your letters of July 8th, 19th and 23ed have come to hand. Which pleased me very much, hearing that your health is good. Thank fortion my health is good and so is your Brother, Henry's. We have had some more hard fighting since the Battle of the 22ed of which I have wroat the details to you in my last letter, this was an open field fight, between us and the enemy, by which you may sea by the following Accounts, on the evening of the 26th we got marching orders. We having made a new line of wirks in near of ours running acrost the R.R. and toward Decater, to march at 12 Oclock at midnight but had to remain, the enemy having tried our skirmish line purty strong, on the morning of the 27th at 4 Oclock A.M., we marched back, but found the 23ed A.C. in the wirks, we had built. Then we marched clear around from the extream left to the extream right wher we arived after dark, [we stopet over noon behind the 20th Chor, when just the enemy made a slight advance on said Chor, but soon give away without driving our skermich line] when we were shelled some by the enemy but no loss, we marched out from the right of the 14th Chor which had until then the extream right of our line, but now the 16th, 17th and our 15th Chor on the extream right. We then restet during the night, where I got a bad Puking and —spel on me all night but on the morning of the 28th felt some better, having taken some medison, about 8 Oclock A.M. we our whole army of the Tennecsee advansed and by 1 Oclock A.M., the enemy advansed towards us in seven collums deep and in some places only four colums, on towards our Division 2ed and 4th Div. of our Chor and our line was only single and no suport present and our Div. the extream right and our Brig, the right of that and our Regt, the extream right our skermish line soon ware driven back and our line of Battle was stationed neardly on open field on a torable nice rise witch give us some advandage, we opend with our musketry and poored a deadly fier in to the Reble advancing colums but they soon fled and the 2ed colum advansed on us and they came study, the dead and wounded just falling by scors and dit not seem to mind it but soon fled and so the 3ed colum advansed and it also fled for the

dead Rebels were laying on piles in our front and the enemy charged us until after dark, and then fell back during the night, that day we fight nearly the whole southern confederacy here in Georgia. The next day 29th, Yesterday, the enemy return during the night in a new line of works near Atlanta, we came considerable from Atlanta this day, we buried dead Rebels all day and hadent them all buried again night we must bury some today, it was a horable sight to see the dead Johnneys so thick. Our artillery couldnt fier having no position on the line, except one 20 lbs Perot, of our Brigade which dismountet one Rebel peace, we have no brest works, we keep ready day and night for the Reb boys to charge again & try us. Our loss is in all, small, our Regt lost one man killed and seven wounded in my Co. C., Christ Henke was slightly wounded and Major Hipp lost his left arm. He was wounded by a Musket Ball above & near the Elbough and broak the bone. The arm was ameaditly ambutated. He also got wounded slightly in left side, this we regret very much, the whole Regt, Captain Moritz comand the Regt. now. We look for some more fun today. You say that you give J. Schawber the \$300. that is all right but dit not tel me how much interest you got of Fathers and when it was given and when you got the money. You wantet to know for what we yoused the Sweet Oil, ha. ha. ha. I ketched a sucker this tyme—why we greas the Rebels Asses so as to make them slip back in the Union. ha. ha. ha. You wantet to know about the paper and envelopes, I took none along, why I left it at Chatanooga and every thing else.

I Remain your true Husband,

H. Schmidt.

Head Quarters Co. "C". 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
In the field near Atlanta, Ga.
Aug. 6, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

Your letters of July 23ed and 27th have come to hand which pleased me very much, seeing that your health is good. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, your brother Henry is also well excepting [he has the Ga. Quick Step]. I send him to our Hospital until it is all right again. I don it mostly to give him a rest for this campaign is hard on men, expesly on young Recruits who are not youst to the hard dutis of the soldier. I seen him yesterday, he is all right. Our fighting is going on as usual only more severe. I wroat in my last letter about the battle of the 28th, that we fight the Rebs on open field and whaled them, awfully, the ground was coverd with dead Rebs. I had Priv. Henke woundet slight and Maj. Hipp lost his left arm and wounded badly in left side. I heard from him yesterday and since his arm was ambutatet he gits along fine, he has still pain but his wounds looks well. I am very sorry that the Maj. was so unlucky as to loose his left arm above his elbough. Next news. August 3ed at 7 Oclock A.M., I with my Company "C" was orderd on Picket or more so skermish line at 8 A.M. I got orders to be ready for a charge with my Company. I, was orderd to take charge of my Company and one Company of the 53 Ohio Inf. and some Pioneers with Picks, Shovels & C.. I ware to charge the Reble Skermish Pits and take them and hold them if posible and that suport was to be forwarded to me if taken and if needed also the skermish line on my left 4 Div. and on my right the 1st Brig. four div had the same instructions, we ware to raise a yell also the troops in our pits behind, at the signal of two shots from our artillary, on my left at about 10 1/2 A.M.. The signal shots ware fierd and we charged forward with a yell. The enemy just pooring the bulits into us but we ware to quick for them. The 4th Div. and the men comanded by myself succeded in taking the reble pits with some 68 prisoners. The 1st Brig on my right dit not take them in their front and I got an awful fier in my right flank. I imeadiatly turned my right and made some pits for my men and held my position including the grater part of the Reble pits which the left ocupied and changed to our defence also the 4th Div. to my left, but soon the enemy through a heavy force on the

left of the 4th Div. and ware compelled to fall back which left me bare on the left and I also fell back for my safty. At 5 P.M. we charged and took the Pits again also some Prisoners, the 1st Brig. also dit not take those in their front, we fortified through the night and are now holding them, the enemy tried to drive us away three tymes but could not do it.

You dit not wright or tell me as I told you in my last, or several last letters. I said in plain english to let me know how much intrest you got of Father on the \$300., say Three Hundred Dollars, also when the note was given and when you got the money also how much or to what tyme the interest was paid on said note and wether it was wroat on its back or wether no interest was paid, since the date of the note. You said nothing about all the above and what you dit say was upside down, you said as follows, John Shawber got the \$300. Dollars at six per cent interest, that is all right and then said that you got \$400. Dollars and 75 cents Interest of Father, that is imposible [four hundred dollars and seventy five cents] may you mean four dollars and seventy five cts. in figurs. \$4. dollars and 75 cents not \$400. D. & 75cents, or how is it, tell me plain in your next and all as above stated. I am afraid you cant do it, this is carelessness from you and by the operation you can be cheatet, Who record out the interest and dit you have it don as I told you, give it to me full and plain for I dont trust father one inch, but I wont tell him so. Tell me as good as you can without asking father or any body else, stil I think you got swindelt.

Answer soon, an correct.

I remain your true Husband until deth.

Captain H. Schmidt.

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You can send me in your next letter one good fine comb, wrapet up in the inside of the letter.

About me sending you money it is imposible for I haint got paid for some tyme and cant even buy one pipe full of tobacco. As soon as I git paid I shal send you enough.

It may last several months befor I git paid again but then I git a good pile at once.

Headquarters Co. "C". 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
In the field near Atlanta, Ga.
August 15, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

It is with haste that I drop those few lines to you hooping they may find you in good health. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme. I have no news of importance for you this tyme. We have aproached the enemy within rifle shot distance of their main wirks. The enemy's and our skermich line are between both lines of main wirks and is very dangerous for us, also for the Johnneys to raise their heads above the rifle pits more so for the Rebles. The ballance of the boys are all in good spirit, also your brother, Henry is about all right. The weather is awful hot here and it makes the greace come, if a man has any. You will hand the letter, in with this, to Mrs Schnell, Christs Mother, and tell her not to bother herself about him that I wroat to you that his health was very good when he was Taken Prisisoner and that if he gits paroled that he will come home very soon. But if not it may be some tyme before he can see home, if he keeps his health, they is no danger other ways. I shal close my few lincs, giving my best Respects to all. I wroat to Father again. I dont believe he will answer it, also to Jo Schubert, to Lima? and Casper and John.

I remain Your True Husband until death parts us, which can be every minute here in this place. [Pray for Me]

Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt.

Head Quarters Co. "C" 37th Regt.
Ohio Vetran Volunteer Infantry
In the field near Atlanta, Ga.
August 17, 1864

Kate Schmidt

Dear wife,

Your letters of July 25th and August 9th have just come to hand, which pleased me very much hearing that your health, so as all the ballance of the friends, are fine. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin so for some tyme, so is your brother Henry's. He is not with the Company at present. I send him to the rear to Recruit his health for this campaign is very hard on Old Soldiers, let alone on new Recruits. Stil we is able enough to be with us, but I found it very nessesary to give the recruits several days rest. News I dont know of any at the present . The enemy is stil in our front and also occupy the City of Atlanta, Ga.. We can see the City from several points off our line of wirks and we are stil aproaching the Enemys Wirks, we are now in a very critical position, for the enemys Bulits come over our main wirks thick all day, also the peaces of shels and solid balls and so forth so that we must dodge very often and keep on the look out by day and night, stil the enemy must keep closter than we for our skermishers and artillery have a raking fier on their main line of Wirks and when our Artillery opens it makes the ground fly and the Joheys run on several points, wher out skermishers peppers in to them and our men yell, an hollow. You want to know what I done with the Photographs of mine and what I wantet to do with the one you last send me. I dit not lose mine nor yours. Yours I have yet but mine I give to Theodor Nieberg and he give me his, which I will send you befor long. I also have one Photograph of Licutenant William Wise who was Killed at Reseca. I am waiting for Capt. Whitichs yet and several others also Captain Schoening who died of his wounds, recieved at Reseca also of Captain Hamm who lost his leg at Reseca and several others. I shal send them to you as I git them. Tell me in your next letter how meny you have left of my last Photographs taken at Cleveland, O., with you. I gave Henry your Brother, your Photograph. I recieved the paper and envelops, you send to me and your brother Henry, yesterday but dit not need them any more for I got my Book Box and Contence yesterday. All the paper and envelops I put in at home. I am fuly

suplied now, but I dit not git my Valiece, stil it is all right yet at Chattanooga. I am partly afraid that my fine Clothing will rot in it befor I can git it, it may easy be that they git damp. Tell Christ Helpling & Wife that I wish them all the luck I can, at least a halve doz. Boys, in five years also so many gals in the following five. Give my best Respects to the above, John Distelrath & wife, Jo Schubert & wife & Sarah & Mother and all. I remain your true Husband until death.
Henry Schmidt.

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Head Quarters Co. "C". 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
in the field near Atlanta, Ga.
Aug. 22, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

Your letters of August 3ed and 13th inst. have come to hand, which pleased me very much, stating that your health is good, also all the ballance of Family. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some time, also the health of your brother Henrys is all right, but he is not with the Company as I have staitet in my last letter. He is at Marietta on light duty. I look for him in a few days, also several others which are with him at the above said place. News I cant wright to you of any importance. We are stil ingaging the enemy and have a fuss with them ocasionally from one to three and four tymes a day, and we are wirking up to the enemys wirks, closter every day. On several points we are so close that we can throw a stone in their wirks. The weather has bin very hot here, we have had some rain here for several days, which makes our wirks rather slopy and very bad to stand or lay in. I have recieved the paper and envelopes you send to your brother Henry and to me. I just got my Book Box that day so I have plenty of paper and also plenty of envelops. Major Charles Hipp is giting along very fine with his wounds. I heard from him yesterday, his wounds are healing very rapitly but the loss of his left arm is very much regretet by his many friends.

You say in your last letter about going along with your Mother to your Aunts or who it may be, when she goes I dont know about that for several reasons, first I can have business which wantet to be tentet to at Wapakoneta, which would require your presents their. Second if I send money home, you would not be their to take charge of the same and to send it up wher you would be wouldend pay. Third I dont think up their you can attent Catholick Church as well as you can at Wapakoneta. Fourth you couldnt wright no news to me from home, we cant tell what might hapen which would be a great eal of disadvantage to me, not knowing the same and a good many other things which would be to my advantage for you to stay. You try and stay with your sister until I git paid and than you pay her and than you can pick a place to suit you, either at Henrichs or some other good place, no difarenct to me, hardly who it may than be, but Sarah or Aunt Hedy or my

Father. I dont advise you then for you wont be any better off than you are now, you must let Sarah talk now, they is a tyme coming after this which will make it all wright, but you must not go Bowwow when she goes Howhow, for then it is no wonder you and her not agreeing together. I know that both of you are very fast and it is in your place to give away for her, she is the oldest.

I shal close and remain your true Husband until death parts us.

Capt. Henry Schmidt.

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Head Quar. Co. "C". 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
near Atlanta, Ga.
Aug. 25, 1864

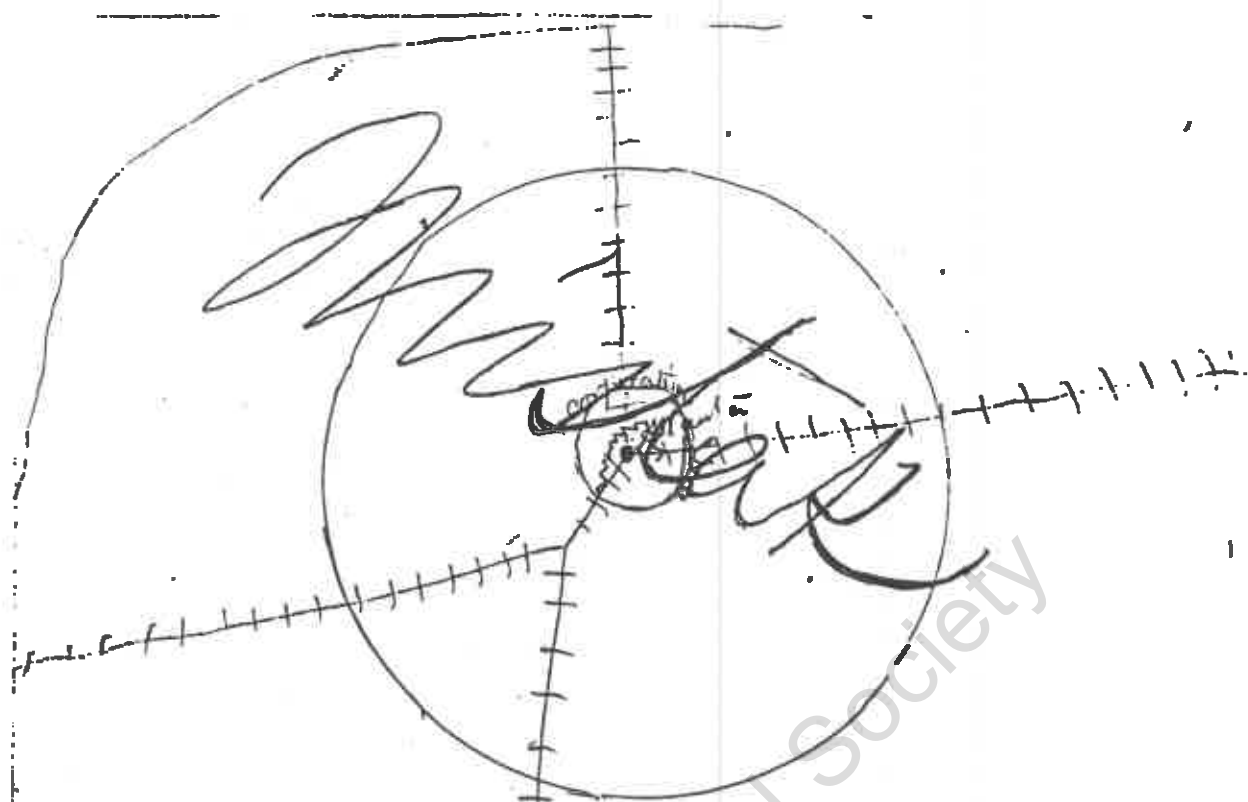
Kate Schmidt

Dear Wife,

Your letters of August 16th and 18th have come to hand, with the comb and money. Also I have recieved the tobacco send by you and your Mother, for your brother Henry and myself. It comes very handy, stil I had the luck to recieve some tobacco which I had in my Book Box. Which gives me a suply of several weeks, besides what you send to me by mail. I am very glad to hear that your health is good and has bin for some tyme, also is the health of your Brother all right . Stil he wants some recruiting yet, their for I send him to Marietta. I have had no chance to send him the tobacco and paper and envelopes, also his letters, without runing the risk of losing it, but he will soon rejoin his Regiment and Company. News I dont know much to wright to you, we are stil behind our Brest wirks and skermish every day with the enemy. We also have some wounded or killed every day. The enemy's bulets come over thick all day, also the shells of enemy make music around our ears, day and night and sometymes a man or two gits mines off his head, arm or leg. Sometyme let him have halve of the Head or Arm & C., so it goes. The weather is stil very hot, we have had some rain lately but in two hours after the rain the roads are as dusty as befor. We will soon have some important movements here, which must be kept a secret yet to be published in the papers, the Johnes stil stick to Atlanta yet but I think not much longer, for our whole left is going on the extream right in a few days as soon as we have wirks compleatet to protect our left flank, from our Dept. to the R.R. Bridge, but I cant make you understand the above movement by wrighting, so I shal give you a small sketch of our positions on the other side, also the enemys position & C.. I dont believe I shal see Copl. C. Schnell with this Regt. for some tyme yet.

I am your Husband very truly,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15 A. Corps
near Atlanta, Ga.

How is the Sweet Oil giting along.



I shall send
it next time

In the field near East Point, Ga.
September 10, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Once again I have the oppertunaty to drop a few lines to you. Hoaping that they may find you in good health, so is all the ballance of the Friends and Relations. Thank God once more I have succedet in giting through safe, for we have had some awful harding since I wroat to you last, but we whipt the Johnneys bad and now have Atlanta in our Posession. I shal give you a small detail of our movements in the rear of Atlanta and our fights which compelled the Rebles to lieve Atlanta, to prevent capture or a total whipping of their whole Army. In the night of the 26th to 27th of August we, our whole Army left the wirks around Atlanta. The 20th Chor went back to the Chattahooche River also all our wagon train except suffisient wagons to carry fifteen days rations for the ballance of the Army. We then succedet marching the whole night up to 4 Oclock A.M. on the 27th of August, where we campet and fortified, on the morning of the 28th we marched forward our Department having all the tyme, the extream right of the Army which made us do the most marching. We struck the Montgomery Rail Road at about 11 Oclock A.M., wher we soon formed a line acrost it runing from North West to South East, we run again some Reble Caveiry but soon made them light out, but to be on the safe side we made Brest wirks and then destroyed the above said Rail Road burning all the Ties and Bending the Irons and filling up the gaps with trees and brush and some shells in it and Ground on top of it for some miles. We destroyed the R.R. compleat. Up the evening of the 29th and in the morning of the 30th we marched towards Jonesborrow [Jonesboro] on the Macon R.R. our Brigade had the advance, we marched about four miles when the enemy appeart in forse in our front, we soon deploied in skermish line and in a few minutes it went bang bang but we drove them right strait ahead without any loss or killed in our Regiment. We had several woundet when they shelled us while advansing over an open field, we drove them within one half mile of Jonesborrow, til dark wher two of the Reble Chors just arived on the R.R. and they held us in check, we made Brest wirks during the night and also the Johnney's and on the 31st we could see Johnney's march to our right up to 12 Oclock noon, and then we could hear strong fiering on our right, wher the enemy made a

faint charge and at about half past one Oclock P.M.. We seen the Johnney's come out of the woods in four colum's, in our imeadiate front and charged on us, so that in some places we came hand to hand and the Johnneys layed from about fifteen feet from our Brest wirks as far as One Thousand Yards wher they startet. The ground was coverd with their dead and woundet . Of cors our whole line opent a deadly fier on the charging enemy as soon as we seen them, we succeeded in repulsing them, handsonly capturing a good meny, dead and woundet and some not wounded, also several Reble flags and a lot of Guns. While the enemy charged on us, the 20th and 4th Chor succeeded in taking the R.R. and cuting some Reble reinforcements off. On the 1st of September the 20th and 4th Chor advanced on the R.R. an the enemys flank and captured a lot of canons and prisoners and in the night of the 1st and 2ed the enemy left Atlanta, East Point and also our front at Jonesboro giving us posctions of the same, destroing befor 80? car full of amunition.

I remain your Old Man
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th O.V.V.I.

Near East Point, Ga.
Sept. 11, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Your letter of Aug. 25th has come to hand which pleased me very much, hearing that your health is all right, also all the ballance of the folks. Thank God my health is exilend [excellent] considering the hard fights, marches and fatigue I have gone through in this Campaign. Thank God that the men have some rest but I have but very little. I have so much wrighting to do I hardly know where to comense, and it will keep the Orderly and myself busy the while we camp here, which will be about four weeks. When we will start on an other Campaign stil farther south towards Macon, Ga., which will give us just about such a campaign as we have had in the last four months and over. I have given you a suffisient account of the Batles we had, also the fall or Capture of Atlanta, Ga., also that we have repulsed the enemy compleatly at every effort they made to dislodge us or drive us. I have seen my share of Dead, Wounded and Captured Rebles on this campaign. May God the Almighty Master of All Batles take us safe through the next Campaign and remain the Victors, So that the Stars and Strips may soon wave over all the Land and the Sea. God grand that this may soon be so, that we may return home to our near and dear ones and live in peace, under the Old Flag, joining hand in hand and when this world has ended, meet in Heaven where all Wars & Pains has Seased and all be happy in god the almighty. Dear wife hoaping that God the almighty may once more restore me to your arms, but I carculate to remain til the last Reble Gun has fierd and peace has come. Dear wife, all the non Vetrans will go home in a few days. Erhart Herbst, Wm Karpp, Andy Kohler and others but I cant go. Theodor Nieberg handed in his Resignasion three tymes and it came back every tyme disaproved also a mania other Officer. Officers are not permitet to Resign at present. T. Nieberg is home sick and will go—— if he dont git home purty soon, also I would like to go home and stay with you but it is imposible at present. I think that our Winter Campaign will end next Spring and that the war has ended, again the first of Febuary next. May God grant it if not sooner. You wantet to know what I don with my Photographs. I have given then away to Captain Rosenbam formly my first Lieutenant, and one to Theo Nieberg. I recieved one of theirs in return. I

also have Capt. Whitichs & Lient. Wise, who were killed on this Campaign. You have Six of mine yet. You keep three the best ones and send me the three wirst ones. I shal change with other Officers of our Regiment.

On the 31st of August I captured Two Reble sords also one Reble Belt and a nice Satchi-
al, which I yous as my haversack now, also Towls, Ink Stand, News Papers, one of the
31st the day of the Batle and a lot of other things I might I got a lot of other things but
was to tierd, I shal send you One of the Reble sords with belt also my old Soard. I shal
keep one Reble Soard here for me, it is better than my old one, it has a dark steel Scab-
bert, the above ware taken from Reble dead lying in our front also the Reble N. Papers
also Paper & Envelops with Stamps. I shal send you by the Non Vetrans probably by E.
Herbst. Also I send you the Photographs I have and several curosaty also One Scorpion
which you will put in that small glass Box or some book.

I am Your Husband most Truly.
H. Schmidt.
Captain 37th

[Answer soon as posibile]

Your Brother Henry is doing well, the 2 step bothers him some yet.

Camp near East Point, Ga.
Sept. 14, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

I agnolege [acknowledge] the reciept of your letter of the 7th inst. which pleased me very much, hearing that your health is good, also the health of you sister Sarah and Liby. Thank fortion my health is good, also your brother Henrys. He is with the Company now, he came yesterday, also several others of my Company. I have bin very busy making muster out rolls for twenty three of my Company, whos tyme of service have expired this day. I will have them mustert out in a day or so, so that they can go home. I shal send my old Soard and one Reble Soard with Reble belt home to you with Erhard Herbst or William Karpp. Also some Reble Papers and other things which I captured on 31st of last Month. You want to know wether Atlanta, Ga. is taken. It is and besides we have whipt the Rebles. I have wroat the full account to you in my last letters. Atlanta is a nice City or was one befor the war, and also befor the Yankeys got near it. It had befor the war about Twenty five Thousand inhabitens. It is considrable larger than Columbus, Ohio not quite as large as Dayton but every House now has from one to thirty holes recieved from our Artillery while we ware around it and the enemy in it. They are a lot of citasans[citizens] in it yet. We are at East Point, Ga. about six miles south west of Atlanta, wher the Macon Rail Road and Montgomery Rail Road joins, as you can see on any Map. You want to know about going to Cincinnati to a visit to Casper and his wife. It cant be at present for money is what is liking and I cant say how soon I will git paid. But I think the best is to save it for some thing els that may be needed wirs when I come home. Which I hope I will with the help of God, it would be at least ten dollars thrown away. You also say that I could come home this winter if I wantet to. I dont just know about that, it is not just so easy expesly now or even in one or two month. We will probably lay here one month in which tyme I must wirk day and night to catch up with papers and C., where I got behind on this campaign and after this month I think we will have a Winter Campaign towards Macon, Ga.. Officers cant even resign now after they served three years from their last Muster and I only was mustert, June 22ed, 1863, which makes it imposible for me. You also wroat about me not giting mad at something-----but I cant make out what you

will please tell me what it is. I will send you the lines cut out of your letter, you also say about the draft. I hope it will come off, the sooner the better for us and for the Union. I recieved a letter of John this day also from John Distelrath and Joseph Schubert. You say that I should write more. I write as often as I can on this campaign, it was some tymes imposible for me to write and some tyme no mail went off, but in average I write one to two and threc every week. I shal close my few lines and Remain you true Husband until death parts us. You will not let any body read my letters becaus I spell a grate many wirts wrong and they would laugh at it. Give my best respects to all.

Henry Schmidt Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V.Inf.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C. East Point, Ga

No need of puting on envelope, follow Regt., for I git it anyhow.

Camp near East Point, Ga.
Sept. 17, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

It is by the hands of Kiefer of my Company that I forward those few lines to you. Hoping they may find you in good health, so as all the ballance of the friends and Relations, espesly you Mother and Sam & Sarah Craig. Thank fortion my health is good excepting a very bad cold, which stil bothers me day and night. Your brother Henry is all right, he has to drill each day so as to be fit in all movements & C.. All the boys are giting along fine but Beer & Wine is plaid out here. On the 15th Inst. I had twenty three of my Company musteret out of The United States service by reason of Expiration of their term, of three years service. Seventeen Men ware present and Six ware absent, wounded & Prisoners of war. I heard from Christ Schnell, he is at Charleston, S.C. and weil. I will send with those Kiefer Boy's my old sword and the Reble Sword and Belt which I captured on the 31st day of August, the day where whaled the Rebles near Jonesboro, on the Macon Rail Road, also some Papers[Reble] of the same date, also of the 26th of August and some Reble Paper and Envelopes, also one Scorpion, which is in the Reble Envelope rapet up in a piece of paper, its body is broken off, but you take it and put it in that small glass box of yours for curosimy, they are plenty hpre and they are very Poisen when they sting a person. I would of liket to have gone home with the boys of my company but it cant be don yet a while but I hope the Almighty God may grand that we may soon meet to stay and this war may be ended. I have hopes that this war wont last over the 1st of February 1865. God Grand it and if posible sooner, for I have served now forty-one long months. You will take good care of the swords, I send to you also of the Reble Papers & C.. I shal also send you four Photographs, of Theo Nieberg, Capt Whitich, Lient. Wise and Lient. Litter who is with my Company now. You will put them in the Album or take good care of them in some other place. You will find one piece of Iron Glass, also the Photographs of Officers.

I am a Husband, Yours for Ever.
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37 Regt.
O.V.Inf.

Head Quarters Comp. "C". 37th O.
East Point, Ga.
Sept. 21, 1864

Kate Schmidt

Dear wife,

I take my pen in hand to drop a few lines to you, hoping they may find you in a state of good health, also all the ballance of the Family, your Mother, Sam and Sarah Craig, Liby & C. and all other Friends and relations. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your brother Henry is all sound, he is again with the Co. and is drilling every day for to learn and it is a very good practice for health. News I dont know of any. We are laying still since the fall of Atlanta, Ga., but dont know how long. I think it wont last any length of tyme. I have wroat to you in my last letters all the news that the Non Vetrans ware mustered out on the 15th of the month. They left here on the 18th and I send by them to you, my Old Sword and One Reble Sword and Belt, also Reble Papers of the 31st and 26th of August 1864, also some Reble Envelopes and Paper & C., also one Scorpion. I supose you got the articles by this tyme. I captured neardly the articles on the Batle field of August 31st near Jonesboro, among the Reble dead. The weather has bin very fine here lately, not so very hot, just so a man could stand it very well.

It may be that Theodor Nieberg will come home befor long, I cant tell yet, he has handed in his resignation three tymes, twice it came back disaproved and the last tyme it has not come yet, probably they have exceptet his resignation or going to dismiss him from the service for handy in his resignation so often. He is realy home sick and comes neardly crying sometymes. I hope that he may be so lucky and git home, for I think he will go crasy if he dont.

I shall close these few lines and remain your true Husband until death parts us,
Inclosed you will find some poetry which I sent to you and see what you think of it.

I am your for Ever.
Henry Schmidt.
Captain 37th Rgt. O.V.V.I
2nd Brig. 2nd Dev. 15th Army Corps.
East Point, Ga. Via Atlanta, Ga.

Notes found on small piece of paper--

You have plenty of tyme, pleas dont forgit to attent Catholick Church regular and when ever you git tyme. H.S.

You state about sending Tobacco to me and Your brother Henry, that is all good, I wish you could do so. H. Schmidt.

How the soldiers talk.

We have heard the rebles yell,
We have heard the Union shout,
We have weighed the matter very well,
And mean to fight it out;
In victory's happy glow.
In the gloom of utter rout,
We have pledged ourselves--"Come weal or woe,
By Heaven! we fight it out."

'Tis now to late to question
What brought the war about,
'Tis a thing of pride and passion,
And we mean to fight it out,
Let the "big wigs" use the pen,
Let them caucus, let them spout,
We are half a million weapond men,
And mean to fight it out.

Our dead, our loved, are crying,
From many a stormed redoubt,
In the swamp and trenches lying--
"Oh comrades, fight it out!
Twas our comfort as we fell,
To hear your gathering shout,
Rolling back the rebel's weaker yell--
God-speed you fight it out!"

The negro-free or slave--
We care no pin about,
But for the flag our fathers gave,
We mean to fight it out;
And while that banner brave,
One reble rag shall flout,
With volleying arm and flashing glaive--
By Heaven! we fight it out!

Oh, we've heard the reble yell,
We have heardrd the Union shout,
We have weighed the matter very well,
And mean to fight it out;
In the flush of perfect triumph,
And the gloom of utter rout,
We have sworn on many a bloody field,
"We mean to fight it out!"

East Point, Ga.
September 23, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

It is by the Hand of Theodor Nieberg late Adj. of our Regiment, he having tenderd his resignation and by hard wark had it excepted and is their for, honorably discharged from the service of the united states, and is no more a Soldier but is a Cityasan[citizen] of the U.S.. The Adjudent will pay you, One Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and fifty One Cents. Of which you will notify me as soon as posible after he has paid the above \$119.51, be carefull that he gives you all and make no mistake in counting. You take enough of it, then to pay your Boarding and put the ballance in your trunk til I send more, so that it may be borrowed out on Interest. If you should have to buy something for your own use which you must have, buy it or if you owe something els in town besids the Board pay it, and also let me know how much you paid and how much you have yet, and I will then give you farther Instructions in my answar of the reciept of your letter. I shal also send several articles, which belong to my Pistol, with Theodor Nieberg. Also athe Photograph of Henry Hinke, My Orderly. I supose you got them other ones I send by E. Herbst.

Dear wife I have bin Lucky, day befor yesterday, I got my Valiece and Map Box again. My Clothing are all right yet. You may tell Mrs. Christ Schnell that she may look for Christ soon for he is exchanged and will be forwarded to our lines tomorow, he will lieve for home as soon as I can git his papers don and git his transportation & C..

I have not recieved no letter from you for two weeks. I supose they are delayd some ware. My health is all right, also your Brother, Henry's. Hoaping those few lines may find you in a good state of health, also all the ballance. Give my best respects to all.

We have a grate eal to do here, making Forts, Brest wirks, Stockades & C., Guard Drill and C.. I send some copied and Printet Poetry to you yesterday, read it but put it than in your trunk. For I dont suit the—C.H. in Wapakoneta and I am sorry to hear it.

I shal close my few lines hoaping they may find you all right, also your Mother, Sam & Sarah Craig, My Father & Mother, Brothers and Sister & all Friends. Dont forget to tell Mrs Schnell and answer as quick as posible about the Money T. Nieberg pays you. You

will give him a Receipt for what he pays you.

I am your Husband for ever and ever.

Henry Schmidt

Filson Historical Society

East Point, Ga.
Sept. 27, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Your letter of the 16th inst. has just come to hand, which pleased me very much, also the Blouse, Ginger Cake and Letter which you had put in the pocket, has also come to hand this day, of which I did not think any more, for I thought sure it was lost. The Ginger Cake is good yet, only a little hard but by soaking it in water it will be all right again. You say something about the Over Coat I left at home, that Sam Craig yoused it in the One Hundred day Campaign. It appears to me that you got in dispute with Sam and I take from your letter of the 16th inst, that he looks cross to you. It is probably your own fault, first you fuset with Sarah while Sam was absent, which will make any man mad and probably you spoke some words to Sam relating Sarah or the overcoat which did not suit him, for you generly speak befor thinking. If he has youst the Over Coat as you say and promist to pay you One Dollar and Seventy five Cents and dont do it, all right, lieve it be and take the Over Coat to your self for I think it wirth that all tyme and dont ask him for rent of the Coat. If he offers you something [which he wont do, I supose] say you dont want any thing, that it was nearly a favor from you to him. It is wirth One Dollar to me for old wrags or even to burn it. If you have left Sam and over with your Mother, all right, if he has the Over coat yet, dont say any thing to him til he says something to you about it, and then tell him if he dont want it any more, you can take it but without fusing. Be plesent to him and Sary as posible, for it wont do to talk to much or fuss or give hint about a small thing like that. If he makes you pay two dollars and fifty cents boarding, all right, pay it and dont grumble, for all articles are high and I supose it is wirth it Honestly. You apear to be to be dissadisfied with every thing, that wont do.

I pray I dont be rash to any body for God sake, you know that I dont want it and cant ware it and stil you dont quit it. I supose you recieved my Swords & C. from my boys. They are Furloughs grantet to men now but I was only alowed to send one from my company.

Your Brother came in for one and two others, so I made them draw cuts, and John Schnider drew the furlough. Henry, your brother drew blank, it was his bad luck but it couldnt be helpt, for I must do the fare thing with all. Yours H. Schmidt.

Notes around the Pages;

P.2-be shure and answer prontly about Theo Nieberg and how much he paid you if the amount incirbed in the letter I sent with him.

Center of letter-next tyme I shal write more to you. My health is good also your Brother Henrys. Your true Husband until deth. Henry Schmidt, Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.

P.4-Give my best respecs to all Inquiring friends, expesly your Mother, Sam & Sary & My Father & Mother & Brothers.

Filson Historical Society

East Point, Ga.
Sept 31, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

In hast I drop a few lines to you, hoaping they may find you in good health. By the hands of Mr Geyer of Company "H". of our Regiment, who has bin mustert out of service by reason of expiration of his three years service. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin so for some tyme. Hoaping that those few lines may find you the same, also all the ballance of the Friends, expescly your dear Mother, also Sam and Sarah Craig, My Father, Mother, Brothers and sister. News I have none to wright to you of any importance. Your Brother is well and very well sadisfied, he wantet to go home on Furlough but I could make it, for no Furloughs are grantet.

I must close those few lines for Mr Geyer is in a hurry and want to start. So very well, My dear wife.

I remain your true Husband until death parts us. So live happy.

Henry Schmidt.
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
East Point, Ga..

East Point, Ga..
Sunday
October 2, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

As the Birthday of your twentieth year, I take my Pen in hand to inform you that my health is excelend [excellent], hoaping that those few lines may find you [dearest] in the same Blessing. I hoap and pray and also wish, that you may live Happy in the eyes of men and the almighty, that you may live to an old Age and dye Happy with me your devoted Husband. I also wish that those Glomy days will soon pass over and be no more, that the Union may be restored and once more the glorious Stars and Stripes, the Red, White and Blue may float over the land of the free and the home of the Brave. Also that I may soon be with you and once more clasp you to my Busum and once more hear tender wirds from you lips which so often youst to cheer me in my sad and warry hours, my heart is Bleading to think of those honable tymes that I have gon through in this present Rebellion. But I thank the Lord that he has led me safe through all and sincarly hoap and pray that the almighty may do so in future and restore me to you dear wife, sound and safe, [thy will be don Oh Lord] and than live in peace like Angles, this my earnest desier, I hoap may be the will of my God, Of Heavens.

Dear wife, but it is my intention to serve my Cuntry until the last Reble gun has ceased fiering and the Union restored, not Tretcherously, but honestly, fair and just, go to your gallant soldiers and take a lession from them.—you peace men, peace we all want but,—
—Ask your brave boys who have left their pleasent homes to fight the grate Battles of liberty, if this is a time to give up. Ask them if all their comrads who have fallen in the struggle, have died in vain, if all their labor; if all their Battles; if all their hard earned Victoris, shal end only in loss and dishonor. Ask them if these Rebels who they have driven from field to field, are at last to reap all the fruit of victory; whether the great reward earned with so much blood, now almost within their grasp is to be surrendred? Ask them, finclly whether that beloved country that has been saved by their valor, that could not be destroyed by rebels in arms, is at last to be ruined by traitors at——
——home. Your men who live at home at ease and yet complain of war, go to

Andersonville in Ga., where thirty thousand loyal men are held in captivity. Visit that pestilential inclosure—where to pass out is instant destruction and to stay is worse—where triumphant death in all his terrible forms of famine, pestilence and despair reigns supreme—ask those gallant soldiers whether we shall make peace and save them or fight on and save the Nation, and the answer would be—"fight on!"

No, Friends, this is not the time for change—no time for an armistice—no time for a convention—no time for diplomacy—no time for recognition when this rebellion is crushed—when these rebels have grounded their Arms and have submitted themselves to the Majesty of the laws—then we shall have a peace that will be permanent and a country that will be safe for ages to come.

The great struggle has cost us thousands of Men and millions of treasure, and may cost us more; but what price is so great for the preservation of our country? We call this a long war and many are discouraged. There was a time, long past, when I too felt despondent; but now I am hopeful and confident. The very continuance of war, with all its sufferings has yet its preciousness. It is the last rebellion this generation will witness and not this only, but many that are to come after us. I am hopeful the fierceness of the storm has passed. The skies begin to clear, Yet a little while and a voice will be heard as of a Shipwrecked mariner, "A sail a sail we are saved" hooping as I have stated and that G.B. Mc. may run a shore, and I to thee, Kate.

N.B. Christian Schnell who was captured on the 22nd of July came back this day, he deserted the Rebels twelve days ago. He has had awful hard times, he has only had two meals in those twelve days, the balance of the time he had to live on roots and hard corn and keep hidden in Cricks & C. during the day time and travel at night. I have also seen Henry Brewer this day, he is well. Your Brother is well. Tell Mrs C. Schnell that he would be at home pretty soon, that he is with me. I am Officer of the Brigade this day and must close with those few lines. Give my best respects to all inquiring friends, especially your Mother, Sam & Sarah Craig, my Father, Mother, Brothers & Sister and I remain your true Husband till death.

Henry Schmidt.

In the field.
Oct 22, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

Your letters of Oct 3ed, 5th & 10th have come to hand. I was very much pleased to recieve them for we are on March and I dit not expect to git any mail. It was at least three weeks that I dit git any news from home, for our communications was out by the Johney's, but we made them light out befor they could do much harm and whaled them besides twice very good lieving their dead and wounded in our hands, also a nice lot of Prisoners, Mules, Horses & C.. I am glad to hear that your health is good, also your Mother & Sisters, Sarah & Liby, My Father & Mother & Brothers & Sister.

Thank Fortion my health is good and so is your brother Henry's, also all the Ballance of the Boy's. The Johney's try their best to get a hold of our Cracker line but we make them light out. He bothers us a good eal [Reble Genl. Hood] but gits the wirst of it every tyme. He cant git ahead of Old Billy Sherman & his men.

News, I dont know any. You may send by mail, One pound of Coarse Snuff Tobacco, Strongly wrapet up & addres it to me, it is for a man in My Company and I promist to do the faver. He cant git any here and tell me how much money you have on hand or left yet of the \$119.57 in your next letter. You say that you tending the Fair. I hope you will do well and make the money for a good thing, which I hope it well be yoused for. I wish I could of bin with you but it could not be, for I ware to far away from you. You want me to come home this winter, I shal try but I am afraid I cant, it may be til New Years or after, I must see. Christ Schnell is stil with the Company yet, he will go home as soon as posible, it cant be just now, we are on a constant March since October 3ed and dont know how long we will remain, so may be several weeks yet or Months. I hope not so long, it is hard to tell.

I shal close my few lines and remain your true Husband until death parts us. Give my best Respecs to all Inquiring Friends, Sam, Sarah, Your Mother, My Father, Mother, Brothers & Sister, also from your Brother Henry. If Sam Craig gives you them \$200.00 and Intrest take them and give them to J. Shawber or somebody else that is good or O.T. Dieker, R. Blume, H. Timmermiester, Bitter & S. and take his note with intrest.

I am yours for ever.

Henry Schmidt

Capt. 37th O.V.V. Infantry

Address :

H. Schmidt

Captain

37th Regt. O.V.V.I

2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.

East Point, Ga..

How Is Sweet Oil Gitting Along.

Filson Historical Society

Smyrna Camp, Ga..
Nov. 9, 1864

Kate Schmidt

Dear wife,

Your letters of Oct. 2ed and 12th have just come to hand., which pleased me very much. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your Brother Henry's. I shal send home about five Hundred Dollars, which you may put in trunk or lend it out. I have no more tyme to writ, answer soon.

Henry Schmidt

Capt. 37th O.V.V.I.

We shal go on a large Campaign befor long and dont know when I will have a chance to write you. HLS

Smyrna Camp, Ga..
Nov. 9, 1864

Kate Smith

Dear wife,

I send to you here with five hundred Dollars in U. S. Bonds which you will put in your trunk and keep safe.

Answer soon. I have no tyme to wright more.

God be with you.

Henry Schmidt

Capt. 37th Regt. O.V. Inf.

Best respes to all.

Smyrna Station, Ga.
Nov. 10, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you hoping they may find you in good Health. Thank fortion My health is good, also your brother Henry's. I forwarded to you by express, five Hundred Dollars in Tresuary Notes or Bond's, which you will put in your trunk and keep safe or if you are afraid to keep them in your posetion, you can give them to Father for to keep and he can give you a reciept for them, or if he dont want to keep them , you can give them to somebody els. I wroat to you that you could git the Money in Tresuary Office, but I found a change to send it by Express so I git those Bonds home. But your brother Henry has send to the Tresuary, Eighty Dollars to your Mother. Which is all you can git at the Tresuary Office and my \$500.00 you can git at the Express Office. This is probably the last letter I can send you for several Months, for we shal go on a large Exbodition or Raid. Where to we dont know but it will be a hard Winter Campaign for us and we will have some more fighting to do. We just got done with one Campaign which was very hard. Hoping that God may guide me through all safe, also keep you sound and safe, also your Mother, Sisters and all Friends & relatives.

Hoping that I may soon hear from you by Mail but it will be very hard for letters to come to us or go from here, for we shal lieve our communication all together. Give my best respects to all Inquiring friends, expesly your Mother, Sisters, Sam Craig, Father and Mother. Wright as soon as you git the Money and letters, and Address your letters to Atlanta, Ga. 2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.

I Remain your Husband until death parts us.
Henry Schmidt
Captain

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Savanah, Ga.
Dec. 24, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

Your letters of Nov. 9th, 16th, 22ed have come to hand on My Birthday, Dec. 18th. I was very glad to hear from you. I seen the two last letters you send me ware headet Wapakoneta, but on the envelope said Cincinnati, O., theirfor you must of wroat the letters at Cincinnati, but dit not say any thing in your letter about it, why I dont know. To keep it a secret or what. Those ware the first letters I recieved from you since I left Atlanta, Ga.. We ware very lucky on our Campaign, we took Milledgeville, the capital of the State of Ga. and the enemy couldent bother us, they tried it several tymes but got whipt every tyme. We arrived near Savanah, Ga. about the 10th of Dec., our Div [2ed] took Fort McAllister on the 13th inst, with all Garrison, Guns & C.. Twenty three Canons and a lot of Amunition & over two hundred men. The Johnneys fight like tigers, but ten minutes, saltet them all. This opent our Communication with Foster. I have no tyme to wright much more for the mail will start off in a few minutes, also Savanah is ours. The Johnneys left, night befor last, lieving all their Artillery, Horses & C.. The only way to escape from Genl. Shermans Grasp. They left some Hundred and fifty peases of Artillery in the wirks of Savanah. Next tyme I shal wright all particulars, the whole March & C.. Compleat with Map & C.

We tore up over 300 miles of Rail Road. Captured several thousand of Horses, also thousands of cattle & C.. Sweet potatoes in abundance. I have eaten more Sweet Potatoes, Chickens, Hogs & C., in this campaign than I dit in the three years befor.

I shal close and Remain your True Husband until Death parts us. Your Brother Henry is all right yet, also all the Boys. I only had one man wounded in this campaign, William Kulhorst [Kuhlhorst].

Give my best respecs to all, next tyme more. We are now at Otion [Ocean] & C..

Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Dev. 15th A.C.
Savanah, Ga..

Camp near Savannah, Ga..
Dec. 27, 1864

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

Your letter of Nov. 22ed has come to hand and I was glad to hear from you. I am sorry to hear that you have a bad cold, but may God spare good health to you. Thank god my health is good, also your Brother Henry's, and all the ballance of the men of my Company. Dear wife our great and successfull Campaign has endet, stil it may soon comence with an other one. I dont know, stil we will have a small rest. Savanah is ours, a grate blow for the Rebels. I shal give you a small history of our March & C. and the taking of Ft McAllister by our Division & the Fall of Savanah, Ga.. We left the Chattahooche River after destroying the R. R. from Atlanta to Kingston totaly on the 13th of Nov. and Marched crost the Chattahooche River and two miles beyond Atlanta, Ga.. Where we remained til the 15th, when our 15th Chor marchet near the R.R. on the east side of it destroying the same. As we advansed, making 15 miles a day, we marched side of the Roads all the way and the wagon train took the road, we had a very large train with us. Our Chor 15 had the extream right, than the 17th Corps, than the 20th Corps, than the 14th Corps, and Genl. Kilpatrick on both Flanks and rear with his Cavelry. We advansed slow but shure, the enemy attempt severall tymes to atacket our wagon train but ware repulsed every tyme and send back a flying, we burnt every Cotton Gin, all Factorys, all Reble Goverment Property, took every Horse and Mule, Cow and Calf, Hog and Sheep. What we could not eat or bring along we killed, for 50 miles wide & 300 miles long. We lived fat on Sweet Potatos, Chickens, Hogs, Corn Cake, Johncey Cakes & C.. I eat more Sweet Potatos on this Campaign, than I did in my live befor [25 years]. At Macon the enemy was very strong Fortified & it wouldnt do to attack them for want of transportation for the wounded. The enemy charged on us with 1 Div. of Infantry and 1 of Cavelry but ware repulsed, lieving nearly 400 dead and woundet on the field. This was near [corduroy] Macon, the cuntry in Ga. is awful swampy and we had to make Coydroy [country] roads for miles also bridges so as to git our train along. We arived near Savanah on the 10th of Dec.. Our Div was ordert to cross the Connoge [Canoochee] River & burn the Savanah and Gulf R.R. which we dit, but had to fight the Rebles at the River, where we soon

made them Skadadel. We returned and crost the Ogeechee River and Savannah & Ogeechee Canal & advanced on Savanah, we drove the enemy befor us in their strong wirks and large swamps in front of them. On the 12th we ware orderd to go back , we went back & campt 1 mile from the Ogeechee River. On the 13th we marched on crost the River at Taylors Bridge & marched towards Fort Mc Allester. Where we arived at about one Oclock P.M. We stopet about 2 miles on this side of the Fort and 1/2 of our Div. advansed on the fort. Skermish soon comenst also the enemy yoused their Artillery freely when our Div. got in 1000 yards of the Fort. The Grand Charge was made and in ten minutes the Fort was ours, with over 250 prisoners, 23 peaces of Artillery & lots of Amunition & C.. This opent our Communication with [the north] Genl. Foster & our Cracker line. We remained until the 17th, when I got Orders to take the prisoners to Chor Head Quarters. I took 100 Men Guard & moved 20 miles & turned every man over to Chor Comander. On the 18th, I returned but orders at the Bridge to join my Div. at R.R., which I did. We Marched out on Gulf R.R. & destroied it, total for 53 miles. On the 20th, we got orders to report to Chor Head Quarters to charge the enemys wirks near Savanah, but the enemy found it out and Skadadeled during the night, and left over 150 pieces of Artillery in our hands, our prisoners & all Reble Goods and Savanah was ours. Also 7 Gun Boats.

I think we have captured some 200 peaces of Artillery, 7 Gun Boats on the Savanah River, Fort McAllister, Fort Jackson, Fort Rosedue, Fort Alles, Fort Polk & others, a nice lot of Prisoners and we would of got the 17,000 Rebs to, but they came a little a head of us, by some spy they found out our carculation and skadatelt through the Swamps, through Genl. Fosters lines, they never would of got through our lines.

Well I am sadisfied of this Campaign. This is a blow to the Johnneys which goes to their heart also we recieved Information that Thomas whaled Hood, also Skofields Victory over Hood.

Hoping those few lines may find you dear wife in good Health. Dear wife I am now at Otion[Ocean] the first tyme ever saw it. All the mail goes through N. York, an awful far distance. Mr John Schnider of my Co. goes home on Furlough. I would like to go on Furlough myself but it is so-far, and it would cost me at least \$200. Dollars to go and

come. Dear wife do not trouble yourself about me, for I hope through Gods help, I will be at home, all to gether, to stay befor long. When we shal love each others like Angels. I shal close and remain your true beloved Husband until death parts us. God be with you dearest & guide you.

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Dearly beloved Wife pray for me that I may soon meet you & Kiss your sweet lips.

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