

Handwritten signature

The Past and the present year
January 1, 1865

This is the first of a new years begun
The old, with all its weeks and month, is gone;
With all those scenes which occupied its days,
Of vice, or virtue, with their blame or praise.
Gone far beyond the reach of mortal man.
While he inhabits this narrow span;
But not forgotten, no nor never will.
While consciousness controls the human will.
Gone to the book of God, that sure record,
In which is written every thought and word.
And all the works, which man has done below,
Sat down where they belong, for weal or woe.
How many souls have past from off the stage,
From smiling youth to those of hoary age,
With all their cherished wishes, hope and fear.
Leaving behind all that they held most dear.
How many in the field have lost their life.
Amidst the fury of the battle strife.
On in the hospital more slowly they.
But this on that disease, have past away.
Leaving their friends at home to mourn in vain.
For their dear friends, who will not come again.
Alas! how many who were unprepared.
During the year have gone to their reward.
Regardless of the future—loss or gain—
Of heavenly bliss on everlasting pain
And yet, in mercy, God has spared our days.
While we have been perverted in all our ways.
No fruits of holiness did there appear
As barren fig trees we have spent the year
But during this, if God should spare us still.
May we be more conformed to his blest will?
Or if before the end of it shall come.
We should be laid within our narrow home.
O. may His grace our sinfull souls prepare
A mansion in the house of God to share
And may this year be covered with such a peace.
To all our States, as never more shall cease—
A peace resulting from a common cause.
And well sustained by equitable laws—
A peace commingled with fraternal love
A Kin to that which rules the world above.

By H. S. Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.

For you.

On this new years day of Sixty five

I wish to you my lovely wife

A Sweet Potato and kiss of mine

Oisters and a Babaline

Sauercrant and Pretzel

Lager Beer and spetzel

Bumbernicket and switzer cheas

Chickens and Gease

Pork and Miskeeter Ham's

Eggs and Fried Clam's

Also your old Hen.—

put up in a pen

Up stairs behind the seller dore

or drather on your Chamber flore.[with the door open]

—Aman— H.S.

Wantet Correspondence, One of Uncal Saus, young Officers desier to corespond With a certain young Lady of Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, O., who whishes the Comfort of one far away near the Otion [Ocean] and who has faught, Blead and Died some Six or Eleven tymes. Object to hear some lovely wirts from her and increas her loveliness towards me, forever, & C. &C.

"This letter was written by Captain Henry Schmidt from his Camp near Savannah, Ga. on January 1, 1865 to his wife, Kate Nye Schmidt."

Poetry For Christmas
January 1, 1865

[1] Hail, glorious Chief! the countrys pride,
For victory follows thee,
Thy fame is spreading far and wide,
Great Cheaftain of the Free!
The bravest army in the world,
Is being led by you
And Freedom's banner is unforld,
By Bonny Boys in Blue.

Chorus.

General Sherman. O!
General Sherman. O!
The Boys in Blue will fight for you,
General Sherman. O!

[2] In thee the country's hope is placed,
To put Rebellion down,
The Boys in Blue the foe have faced,
And thou hast led them on,
Where Sherman led they followed on,
Brave deeds they dared to do,
And victory was always won,
By Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

[3] On Shiloh's bloody battle-field,
He met old Beauragard,
Who found that Sherman would not yeald,
And he took it very hard,
He'd water his horse in the Tennessee,
That's what he said he'd do,
But Billy Sherman got in the way,
With his Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

[4] And when the Rebels on Vicksburg's hights,
Were all coralled by Grant,
Jo. Johnston thought he'd give us fits,
But Sherman said you cant,
Jo. Johnston found there ware some things,
That he could never do,

He has to run when Sherman brings,
His Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [5] On Mission Ridge he met the foe,
With Thomas and with Grant,
And on that glorious field you know,
Our banners they did plant,
Old Bragg and all his army fled,—
What else could Braxton do?
Where Grant and Sherman nobly led,
The Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [6] Atlanta next was Shermans aim,
Though Dalton blocked the way,
But Flanking was the kind of game,
That Sherman knew would pay,
Jo. Johnston found that to retreat,
Was all the way to do,
For it was dangerous to meet,
The Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [7] From Dalton down to Kennesaw,
Jo. Johnston did retreat,
From there he found he must withdraw,
Or meet a sore defeat,
And when within Atlanta's walls,
Say Hood, "I'll show you Joe,"
That Sherman soon before me falls,
And all his Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [8] On the twenty second of July,
Our brave McPherson fell,
A tear drop stood in the Soldiers eye,
For one they loved so well,
But Logan nobly filled his place,
And put the Rebels through,
The Johnnies found they could not face,
The Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [9] On the twenty-eight the Johnnies came,
With Whiske-feeling good,
But Logan understod the game,
And cleaned out Jonny Hood,
When Sherman left Atlanta's front,
Says Hood " he's gone" I'll vow,
But he soon found himself outflanked,
By Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [10] Says Hood "I'll try the flanking game",
But he didn't make it pay,
For Thomas brought old Hood to shame,
While Sherman went his way,
Down through Georgia, Sherman went,
Cut-Rebelldom in two,
And in Savanah pitched his tent,
With all his Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

- [11] For General Sherman then next we'll shout,
And Charleston next must fall,
The Boys in Blue will clean them out,
Old Beauragard and all,
This base Rebellion soon will end,
The Bottom's falling through,
Hurrah for General Sherman then
And all the Bonny Boys in Blue.

General Sherman. O!

**By Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th O.V.V.I.**

City of Savannah, Ga.
Jan 10, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

Your kind letters of Dec 25th has come to hand. I was very glad to hear from you, your being well, also all Friends and Relations. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your brother Henry is in good spirit, and all the Boys the same of my Company. News I know very litle here. Weather is very bad, reign [rain] plenty and awful windy. I have wroat all the news in my last and second last letters. We are very busy here now for we are making fortifications around Savannah, Ga. and leveling the old ones down, which gives us very litle lesure tyme. Savannah is a splended City, they are stil over twenty thousand inhabitants in it. I think the amount of Canon which we captured at Savannah and Fort McAllister will reach over three hundred. They are more than judged at first by double, also betwen thirty and forty thousand bales of cotton, which is a nice lot and makes a nice lot of money for Uncle Sam. We also captured over ten thousand mules and horses on our last campaign and some twenty thousand negros. Which are all shipped off to U.S. plantations to wirk for Uncle Sam, also abundance of cattle teams & C.. I shal send you a piece of Poetry, see how it suits you. I had an other one made for you but lost it and dont know where, at least I cant find it. If I find tyme enough I shal compose an other one and forward it to you. I shal also inclose Fred Buchholtzes account which he can pay to you, but be a saving, for I dont know when I'll get paid again. I think we shal go on an other Campaign as soon as we git the wirks compleatet around Savannah and then for Charleston, S.C.. We will go wher we will do all we can to break this Rebellion. South Carolina shal see and find out nine tymes wirs, what war is, than Georgia did in our reasend [resent] Campaign, also for Whilmington, N. C.. We shal go as soon, their after, as practible for we wont stop, nor wish, to be delaid any longer than posible. For we are in for whipping the Rebels totaly, if God Grant's us the luck and good health. Our Army is in as good a spirit as can be, also I am the same, I want to go home to you my dear Wife, but would like to see the last of this Rebellion. At first may God grant it that I may soon meet you and stay & live happy, my dear.

Erhard's Herbst account, I dont know, for I have no books with me to show. I shal close

those few lines and remain your true Husband until death parts us. Give my best Respects to all friend, Especially your Mother, My Father and Mother, Brothers and Sister, Sally Craig also Sam, Hedy & John Distalrath & wife, Mr & Mrs Klug & all Inquiring Friends.

I Remain your Husband most truly for Ever.

Henry Schmidt

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

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

Savannah, Ga..

Fred Brchholz owes me yet, which he can pay to you \$19.49, nineteen dollars and fourty nine cents.

Camp near Beaufort, S.C.
January 18, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Your letters of Dec. 25th and Jan 4th, 65 have come to hand, which pleased me very much, seeing in it that your health is good. Thank for that my health is good, also your brother Henry's and the rest of the Boys are also all in good spirits. About the Ball at Milledgeville, Ga., they was nothing of it, at least what you wrote about, it was the first I heard from it. It was only made up by Rebels to disgrace our Officers and Men. they had the same lie in the Rebel Papers about Atlanta. Our Chorus did not pass via Milledgeville. It was the 14th Chor of our Army, and they know nothing of it. We left Savannah, Ga. on the 15th inst and went per Steamer to Beaufort, South Carolina. The first time I took a ride on the Sea, but I did not get Sea sick for we had splendid weather. We are in Camp about 3 miles from Beaufort, waiting till our whole A. Chor comes. When we shall go for Charleston. The 17th Chor is ahead and fighting with the Johnnies and has whipped them several times. Our whole Army is going for Charleston, S.C., which will be a good Campaign. Genl. Foster's Negroes is going to Garrison the City of Savannah, every thing is awful dear hear, but plenty Oysters[Oysters].

When we go on this Campaign, I can't tell how long it will be again, till I can write the next letter to you. I think we will go on in a couple of days. Last night we heard very hard Cannonade but where it was, we don't know yet. We are 44 miles from Charleston, S.C. and hope to have it in a short time, and then for Wilmington, North Carolina, we will go. The weather is tolerable pleasant, somewhat cool mornings and evenings. About me going home on Furlough, it can't be at present, as long as we have fighting to do, at least not before we go in a Camp for rest where there is a poor sight now. I hope the war will soon end and then I am sure of going home to your arms to stay and live happy for life and then in Heaven together. Inclosed you find Maj. Hipp Photograph. You did not say in your letter to whom Christ Schnell got married and another thing, what do I care who gets Babs, so long they ain't mine or yours. Times are too hard to run the Masheanery. ? I shall close those few lines, please give my best respects to all inquiring friends, especially Sam & Sally, John & Hedy, Your Mother & Libby, Father & Mother, Brothers, Sister, Jo

Schubert & wife, J. Distelrath, G. Helbly & wife & all.

I remain your truly beloved Husband until death.

Henry Schmidt Capt. 37th Regt.

O.V.V.Inf. 2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.

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Camp near Beaufort, S.C.
Jan. 28, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

Your letter of the 12th inst has come to hand, which pleased me very much. To see that your health is good, but feel very sorry to hear that you are so down hartet about me. Dear wife you say truly that it is hard for Man and Wife to be partet so long from each other. But dear wife, our Cuntry has bin and is stil in danger and ^yalls for me, also to you, to be pationed [patient] and lieve your so called dear Husband go forth to its defence, to crush this rebellion, and then rejoyn[rejoin] you again and live happy for life and then meet in Heaven for ever, where all such pains and troubles are over. May God grant that I may soon be in your arms as you say, and you in mine, those sweet kisses you speak of will be preserved for you only, my dearest one. I would of come home but could not on account no Furlough's being grantet, John Schnider of my Company cant go, for we are prepairing for an other campaign, which will be either to Charleston, S.C. or Augusta. I can not tell yet. I have recieved some of those letters which staitet that you Won the Catholick Bible and that you have stiched a pair of Slipers for me. You can keep those slippers til I come home to stay, when that will be I cant tell, by several Months.

I hope this Rebellion will soon end and then I will be shure to come home. Dear Wife dont think that your Heart only bleads, to think of that we are partet from each other. Oh! no, it makes me realy sick sometymes, but the great caus that I am fighting for and that said caus is the only thing that parts us, strenghtenth me. Dear Wife dit you git the Photograph of Maj. Hipp I send to you and dit I send a Photograph to you of Capt Geo. Bohm, or not. I dont recolect, answer in your next letter. I shal send you some more Photographs of the Officers as soon as I get them. I shal also send four of yours, which I had taken and send to me from Cleveland, O., which you can exchange for some of your Friends but keep the best one.

Dearly beloved wife, I am realy sorry that I make you so much pain, but dear love think of the caus and forget those thoughts and Pray to God and the Holy Mary that they may strenghen you, keep you in good spirits and in good health and bring me to your sides befor long and that this Rebellion may sease befor long, and all be unitet.

Fred Buchholtzs account, I have send to him and also to you E. Herbst's. I forgot and My Book I havent with me, it is at Chattanooga, Tenn. yet. I can let you know as soon as I git it. I shal close those few lines and remain your true beloved Husband until death parts us.

Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V. Inf.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Beaufort, S.C.

He wrote around all the pages.

[1] The Boys in my Company are all right. Your Brother is all right, your Mother send him 2 left gloves, in place of one right and one left one. He wroat to her about it. The letter you wroat on my birthday has not come yet. Give my best respec to all Inquiring Friends, expesly Your Mother, Sister, Sam Craig, Hedy, J. B., J. Distelrath & wife, J. Schubert & wife, G. Helbing & wife, Mr Klug & wife, All & wives, Father & Mother, Brother & Sister.

[2] The cold Sea Breas is what makes it so cold & unplesent. I guess you know those Photographs [i cept two] in here. Read for me in the Bible you won in the fair, so that I may come to your arms soon & kiss your sweet lips.

[3] Oh kiss me quick and be Merry My Henry. I had some of my Photographs taken which I exchange for others Officers in the Regt. The weather is very cold here, but no snow. My Dear Wife dont be down hartet.

[4] My dearest Wife, may God be with you and Inclosed find one peace of Poetry, read it. I wroat 8 letters to Father and tell him I got no answer.

Camp near Beaufort, S.C.
January 31, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear wife,

In haste I drop those few lines to you hoaping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health is good and has bin so for some tyme. Also your Brother Henry is all
right and in good spirits. He recieved two pair of Gloves the other day. One pair of
Wollan [woolen] and two left handed ones of Leather which he cant yous, for he has but
one left hand. He has wroat to your Mother about it and tells her to send him two right
handed ones, so that he can sell one pair of them. Tell him what they cost & C.. News I
dont know any at present. Weather has bin very colt hear, the Sea breas is what makes it
so colt and unplesent. We have not startet yet on this campaign. I have all redy men-
tioned in my last letter, but I think we will start this after noon or tomorrow, where to it
goes, I dont know, as I have told you in my last letter.

February 4, 1865

Dear Kate.

Just having an oppertunaty to drop this to you. We are between Augusta, Ga. & Colum-
bia, S.C., Fighting the Rebles every day. we have drove them every day. So far also
Killed and Wounded and Captured some.

I remain your true Beloved Husband until death parts us.

H. Schmidt

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

2^d Brig. 2^d Div. 15th A.C.

Fayetteville, North Carolina
March 12, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you. Hoping those few lines may find you in good health. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin on this whole Campaign, and it is not endet yet. This mail is to go down to Wilmington, N.C. by courier. Your Brother Henry is all right yet. I have thought a many tyme how you are, but got no news, for they was no chance since we left Beaufort. We had considerable fighting to do but whipt the enemy every tyme. We captured about 2000 Prisoners, about and over One Hundred Peases of Artillery and an abundance of Ammunition, Small Guns, _____ & C.. We took Columbia, South Carolina, the Capital and burnt the greater part. We have several thousand of Familys with us which go north. I must close, for we must march in ten minutes. You shal hear from me soon. Give my best Respects to all.

I am yours.

H. Schmidt.

In the Field
March 22, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife.

In haste, I drop a few lines to you. Hoping those few lines may find you in good health. Thank forion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your Brother Henry, and all the ballance of the boys. We had some hard Fighting to do for the last two days, about 32 miles from Raleigh, N.C. and about 20 miles, N. West of Goldsboro, N.C., but it got to hot for the Johnneys yesterday. We built our wirks not over 100 yards from the enemy wirks, also One Div. took 3 lines of wirks from the enemy. Which they tried to retake but failed, and last night they left and Skadadled for Raleigh, N.C.. We have an awful large Army here. Where we will go to from here, I cant tell probably towards Raleigh, N.C., the Capital of North Carolina. We lost some 2500 men, Killed, Wounded and Missing. Mostly from the 14th and 20th Army Corps.. Our Regt, lost, 1 Killed and 3 wounded yesterday. Very luckey none hurt of my Company. I havent recieved no mail since I left Beaufort, S.C.. We just got orders that we could send mail off and I wroat this in a hurry. We Captured, Killed and Wounded near 4000 to 5000 Rebles. The grounds are laying full in front with dead and wounded Johnneys. The Rebs also had a very large force here, but cant come over Old Billy Sherman, and his Boys. Thank God, I was lucky yesterday. I dodged several Balls. The Rebles came very near taking the advantage over One Div. of the 14th A.C., but dit not make any thing at the end. For Billy Boys will fight to the last man. The weather is plesant, some days and mostly reighn [rain]. We can sleep without tents or blankets. Apple, Peach & C. trees are in full Blossum also plenty of wild flowers in the woods. This an awful Poor Cuntry, every 8 to 10 miles one farm and every One Hundred Yards a Swamp, several miles wide. We had some hard wirking to do on the Roads to git our train along. I think I have wirket out my Road tax for my life tyme. Henry Finke is first Lientanent in My Company now and Fred Stork is Orderly Seargent. Last night I dremt of you, that I kisst you and you kisst me while Boling around. I have the Lient. Colonels Photograph, which I will send to you as soon as I know it wont get lost. I dont like to risk it in this letter. I shal close those few lines and Remain Your true Husband until Death parts us. Pleas

dear Wife, Give my Best Respects to all inquiring friends, Expesely Your Mother, Sister,
My Father, Mother and Sister and Brothers. Expesly all Friends.

I am yours for Ever.

Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I
Near Goldsboro, N. C.

Via N. York

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Goldsboro, N.C.
March 31, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Your letters of Febry. 3ed, 11th and March 3ed have this day come to hand which pleased me very much. The first ones since we left Beaufort, S.C.. Thank fortion my health is good, and all the ballance of the men of my Company. I am glad to hear that you are stil all right yet, but I am very sorry to hear that Friend, Joseph Schubert died. I also recieved one letter from Jose, My Brother. Your brother Henry also rec'd several letters from your Mother, he has recieved the Pipe, Knife & C.. The gloves, he received only one pair, ware left handed ones, [the Buck skin ones]. I see that you have not recieved the money from Fred Buchholtz yet. I think he will pay you as soon as he can, he is honest enough, may be he has not the money just now. I heard T.J. Young Musision has sold his property and gone to Germany. We have had a fight with the Johnceys near Hatches run but soon whipt them. They left in the night and burnt their Bridges so that we could not follow them. We are now in Camp at or near Goldsboro, North Carolina. How long we will remain here is unknown, probably several weeks, until the men have drawn amble suply of Clothing & C.. Then we will strike for an other blow, which will [I hope to God] break this rebellion and end this war, so that I can go home to you dear wife. Dear wife I am sory that you are out of Money, but I cant help it. I am out to, for the last four weeks. I thought shure you had plenty for several months yet.

N.B.* pleas take notice that I your Husband is down on Parlor Ladys and all Woman of the same Class, each to his rank.

News I dont know but very little. I have wroat all I knew in my last letters. We have captured large quantitis of Prisoners, Guns, Canons, Ammunition. Have you paid the tax and how much was it. Dit you pay halve or all. I dont know, for you have not told me yet. Inclosed find one Photograph of Lient. Col. von Blessingh, which you will save. I close those few lines and remain your Husband for ever, give my best respect to all Inquiring Friends, Your Mother, Sisters, Sam Craig, Hedy, Father, Mother, Brothers, Sister, Klugs, Fishers and all. I remain your Husband Until Death. Henry Schmidt Capt.

* N.B.[News Bulletin]

Goldsboro, N.C.

April 3, 1865

Kate Schmidt. Dear belovt Wife,

Your letter of March 10th has come to hand. I am very glad to hear that your health is good. Thank fortion my health is good also your brother Henry's. We are here at the above said place to have a small rest. Men have drawn Clothing and C.. How much longer we will remain here, I cant tell, not very long. I am certain, for they is large wirk befor us. May God grant that we may be successful in it, as befor and this great Rebellion will be to an end. Dear Wife, pray to God, that this my wish may be grantet, so that we can all go home to our dear ones. I am glad you recieved the money from Fred Buchholtz and the Interest of Leobolt Jacobs for the four hundred Dollars which makes a total of over Fifty Dollars, which will do you, I hope until I come home, to remain with you dear Wife, to live happy for live & ever. You say that John Schaber will take the four Hundred Dollars, which is all right. I recieved them slippers and am wearing them, they fit but the cloth is not very strong. I also recieved them gloves and hankerchif, and smoking tobaco, which all came very handy to me, for I was out of Smoking tobaco, some three weeks and had no money to buy any. I think this will last til I get paid. News I dont know any at present, the weather is very pleasant, sometymes very warm. I have a fine Shanty for My Quarters. I built it myself from boards, taken from a Country house, with two windos in it. One with 3 1/2 pain and One with 2 pains. The house is sevon feet by ten, large enough for a Soldier. I have the best one in the Regiment. Yesterday, we had a large review and a Soldier got drumt out of Camp with his head shaved. For, Oh dear Wife I wish I could be with you for several days, while we are in campet here, but It cant be done & I must content myselve the best I can and so must you. Trust in God and all will come right, befor long and dont forget the Holy Mary Mother of had [God], to whom we must tell our Sorows and tyme will change them. Best respects from all friends, give my best respects to all Inquiring friends, espesly your Mother, Sisters & C.. Sam Craig you say I may look for, but you dont say why. I can look for him, has he inlistet, if so where, in what Regiment & C..

My Respects also to Father, Mother, Brothers & Sister and Relations and all.

I am your husband until death parts us,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th regt. O.V.V.I
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.

Via N. York.

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Goldsboro, N.C.

April 6, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop those few lines to you, hoaping they may find you in good health. Thank fortion my health is good with the exception of a bad coalt [cold], which hurts me some but I hope it will soon pass. We have a joly tyme this day. We have recieved the news that Richmond, Va. is ours, with several thousand Prisoners, several Hundred Guns & C., by heavy loss on both sides also that Mobeal [Mobile] is ours, but no particulars about it. We have Orders to March next monday towards Raleaugh [Raleigh] N.C.. The order may be Coundermandet but it is very likely that it wont, this is very good news. I supose it is true, it is recieved from reliable soarses.

Dear wife, this Rebellion is about plait out and I think we will put the finishing tuch to it befor long. So that I may go home to your Arms and be Happy once more. Until deth parts us. May God grand the samel

Dear beloved Wife you cant imagen how glad I am to hear those news, and I will be more so when all is in peace. The weather is very hot here, it makes the greace come. Your Brother Henry is in fine spirit and splendet health, also all the boys in my Company. The men are now suplied with Cloathing and C. and are redy for the next Campaign. I supose that we will all be at home by 4th of July 65. I hope so and May God will the same to us and end this terable war. I recieved a letter from Theo Nieberg from him, an also one from Brother Joseph, which I have wroat to you in my last letter. I gave your Brother some Tobacco, he has recieved the smoak pipe & C., also I have red all.

Dear Wife this is about all the news I have to write this tyme. Hoaping I may soon be in your true Arms and press you Sweet lips to mine once more.

Give My best Respects to all Inquiring Friends, expesly to Your Mother, Sister, My Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister, Mrs & Mr Klug, Miena, Teras, Mr Hebly & Dislrath, Mr & Mrs John Fisher & all.

I am Your Husband until deth parts us and for ever.

Henry Schmidt

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

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

Goldsboro, N.C.

Filson Historical Society

Thank the Lord the War is over.

Raleigh, N.C.
April 22, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dearest Wife,

With Joy and plesior, I take my pen in hand to drop a few lines to you. I hope those few lines may find you in good health. Thank the almighty God, I am sound and healthy, also your Brother Henry. Dear Wife this Rebellion is to an end and the last battle is faught and Peas-Peas-Peas-the cry since the begin of this war, has at last bin grantet, but by Powder and Lead, but it has cost a mania drop of Blod————let us drop a tear for those that have perished thus————the dark and heavy clouds which have bin over us for four long years, has neardly past over and we have again Sun Shine, stil we may for years feel this terable shock. Dear Wife you cant amagin[imagine] how glad I am and I supose you are the same. I think to be at home on fourth of July, if not sooner, not as an Officer but as a Citisan of the United States. To remain with you til death parts us, but may the almighty God have mersy on us, so we may than both meet in Heaven.

Dear Wife we shal have to do some big Marching yet, befor we get home. General Sherman will conduct us to our States from here by foot, as far as Harpersfary [Harper's Ferry], a distance of some 240 miles or over. May be we must march clear to Ohio, but all for the Love of our Country. We have Peace, Peace, Peace. President A. Linken [Lincoln] was killed by Reble in Washington, as you know by W. paper. Lee has Sur-endred to Grand and Jo. Johnson to Sherman, as far as Rio Grand, all Rebles on this side of the same. Orders are Issued to that affect and not to destroy any more property.

Dear beloved Wife I wish I could git One sweet kiss from your sweet lips and press your true heart to mine this evening and a good glass of Beer or Wine, to still my thirst. Dear Wife if you have fifty cents left yet, go and have a holy Mass read for my Friend Jo Schubert, this is all and the last I can do for him, he has done me a mania favor in life and I cant forget him when Dead. Tell Father Andrews and pay him, tell him it for Jo.

I am Your True Husband until deth.
Henry Schmidt Capt.
Co. "C" 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.

Only Answer when I send you an envelop with my address.

Filson Historical Society

Raleigh N.C.
April 25, 1865

Kate Schmidt

Dear beloved Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you. Hoping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your Brother Henry is in fine
spirit. The weather is very warm here. We have orders to march tomorow morning
towards home, via Johnson, how long it will take us to march to Ohio or there abouts, I
can not tell but I think to be in your arms on or about the forth of July. May God spare
my health, thus also yours dear wife and all Friends and Relations. Oh, how I am pleased
to think that I will soon meet your dear face again, not to part any more. Grant, Sherman,
Mead, Sheridan & others are here at Raligh at present. I think they cant get Johnson as
they wantet, he wont come to their terms, that is at least the flying reports. Reports came
this morning that Johnson disbanded his whole Army and send them home, and he lit out,
but it is not Reliable. They are hundreds of Rumors sirculating in the last few days. Genl.
Grant and others are Reviewing the troops this day, he will be here in a short tyme, the
Regt. is in line waiting for him. I am Brigade Officer of the day and must close for the
presant. I know no more News at presant. I shal wright soon again.

I Remain Your True and devotet Husband until Eternaty. Aman
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Raleigh, N. C.

Give My best Respects all Inquiring Friends.

Peaterburg, Va.
May 6, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you hooping they may find you in good health. Just having arrived here, from Raleigh, N.C.. We left Raleigh N.C. last Monday and Marched from 20 to 30 Miles per day, which was very hard on us. Weather being very hot. I seen Sam Craig, Joseph Kly, William Karpp, Hellers and others, a while ago. They are in good health, Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme.

We will very likely lieve here tomorow or day after and March to Richmond and then to Washington, where we will Camp in the vicinity and I think be Mustered out and than go home.

Dear Wife, as soon as we can be Mustered out of the United States Service, We shal go Home. I hope that I can be at home on fourth of July next. News I know none. I close those few lines and Remain your true Husband until death parts us. Your Brother is well & fine. Give My best Respects to all Inquiring friends, expesly Your Mother, Sisters & C., My Father, Mother, Brothers & Sister.

I am always Yours Truely,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O. V. V. I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A. C.

Head Quarters Co. "C". 37th O.V.V.I
Camp near Richmond, Va.
May 11, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop those few lines to you. we are now near Richmond, Va.. We marched through Peaterburg, Va., on the 9th inst.. I think we shal March through Richmond, Va. Via Washington, D.C. to Alexandria, Md. where we will Camp til paid off, I supose and then send to our Respective States, for Muster out.

How soon that will be I can not tell exaclly. I hope those few lines may find you in good health. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin ever since yesterday, also your Brother Henry is all right.

Dear Wife, weather is very hot here. I have no news at present. Give my best Respects to all Inquiring friends, expesly to Your Mother, Sisters & Hedy, John Brewer and others, My Father, Mother, Brothers & Sister. I scen Sam Craig at Peaterburg, Va., also Jo Klug and all the Band. They are all as fat as pigs. I hardly knew Sam Craig.

I am your Husband until death parts us,
Henry Schmidt Capt.

Give My best Respects Mr & Mrs Klug and tell them that Joseph Klug is all right, tell also Distelrath & wife & all Inquiring friends.

Henry Schmidt
Captain 37 Regt.
Ohio Vet. Vol. Infantry
Commande Comp "C"
2" Brig. 2" Div. 15" A.C.
Near Manchester, Va.

Shermans Army Department of the Tenn.

Head Quarters Co. "C". 37th Regt.
of Ohio Vet. Vol. Infantry
near Washington, D.C.
May 20, 1865

Kate Schmidt

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you, hooping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health, also your Brother Henrys is in fine spirit, also all the boys in my
Company. I have seen Sam Craig and the Balance of the boys, as I have wroat to you in
my last three Letters. I havent received any Letter from you since the 10 day of last
month. I am antious [anxious] to hear from you, and the ballance of the Friends. I know
no news. I wroat all I knew in my last letters. We left Richmond on the 13 inst. and
Marched to where we are at presant near Washington. On next Wednesday our Army will
have a large Review at Washington, May 24th. I have wished that you could be presant
but it cant be, for the Review will be over befor you get the letter & C.. I understand that
we will go to Ohio for Muster out & C.. I think in about 2 weeks we will start for Ohio,
very likely to Cleveland, Ohio. If we remain at Cleveland any tyme, I may send for you,
but I cant say yet. I can inform you better in June. Tell me how much money you have in
your hand, except the \$500. Bonds and what was don with the \$400. of L. Jacobs, in
your next letter. It may be four weeks yet until we go to Ohio, for we might be some of
the last ones. You dont need to fix up, until I wright so to you, which will give you
plenty tyme. If I see proper to have you come to Cleveland and if it pays. I heard that
John Shawber died a few day ago. I hope it is not so. You said something about Sam
Craig, about money, I dit not understand. Pleas state what it was.

I shal close my few lines and Remain Your True Husband until deth parts us. Give my
best Respects to all Inquing friends, expesly to your Mother, Brother & Sisters, My
Mother, Father, Brothers & Sister.

I Am Yours,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.

Answer Soon.

Washington, D.C.
May 26, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear Wife,

Your letter of May 13" & 16" have just come to hand, which pleased me very much. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin so for some tyme. Hoaping those few lines may find you the same, also your Brother Henry is in fine spirits, also all the Boys. Also Sam Craig, Joseph Klug, both Hellers, Hasenauer, Denis Gesler and all the band. I was over to them this day, they are in Camp about one mile from here [our Camp]. Sam just received a letter of the 20th of this month, It tells that Valandingham has bin at Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co., O.. News I have none to wright of any consequence. The Potomac Army had a Great Review on the 23ed of this Month and W. T. Shermans Army was Reviewed on the 24th inst.. It is reportet that Shermans Army Knocket the Sock from the Potomack Army in all except Playing Sunday Soldier which is a thing Billys Men haint youst to. If I can procure a news paper, I shal forward it to you. The Mustering out of the Men has commenst. I have this day, Mustered out all 62 Men of My Company. I think the Vetrans will be kept in service several months longer. I have no orders retaiting of Mustering out Vetrans. I hope it will soon be, that I will meet you at home, May God grand it to your Husband, Henry Schmidt, Captain & C.. I have no more news to wright to you at presand. Weather is very pleasend, we are in Camppt about four Miles North of Washington, on the Main Baltimore Pike. Maj. Hipp has come yesterday evening. I am sorry that he could not come early enough for the Review. I know it would of bin a great eal of pleasiar to him.

I shal close my few hurried writen lines and pleas give my best respects to all inquiring friends, Expesly to your Mother, Sister, My Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

I am Very Truly your Husband until deth parts us,
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37" Regiment O.V.V.I.
2"Brig. 2"Div. 15" A.C.
Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.
May 30, 1865

Kate Schmidt

Dear beloved Wife,

Your letter of 25 inst. has just come to hand, which pleased me very much. Thank
fortion my health is good, also your brother Henry's. New's I know none. I have mustered
out all 62 men, which were seven all Vetrans and 64 men are stil detained in service, no
orders to muster them out yet. I suppose it will soon come. We have marching orders to
Baltimore and I understand that we will go by Rail Road to Lousville, Ky, which report I
think is true. Lousville, Ky. is in our department and I suppose that we will all be mustered
out their or be sent from their to our place of Rendavew at Cleveland, Ohio and be
mustered out their, how soon that will be, Is imposible for me to tell.. I hope that it will
soon be. I seen Sam Craig and the whole band, they are all in good spirits and think of
going home purty soon, like we do and have don for some tyme. The review we had at
Washington, D.C., on the 24 inst. was good. I wish you would or could of bin here to see
it. It was a proud day for our regiment, for our Old and Bullet holed Collers [colors] ware
Cheerd by thousand of Men. Men ware presand from all parts of the Wirl and seen our
Army [Shermans] pass in Review. All news papers spoke hily of Shermans Army for it
knocket the chease from the bush, beids the Potomac Army, it beat it all to peases, our
Collars[colors] got a lot of raths. Where other Collers dit not & C.. I hope that I may tell
you all about it in person befor long. I had some Beer, Wine, Letler? Fish & C., a thing I
hadend, since I left home. Major Chas Hipp is with our Regiment at presant, he looks
very well, fine and Healthy but it is a pity that he lost his Arm.

I shal close my few lines, give my best respects to all Inquiring friends, expesly Your
Mother, Sister, My Father, Mother, Brothers, Sister, all the Brewers, Klugs, John and
Mina Distelrath, Mrs Jo Schubert & C.. I remain Your true Husband until deth parts us.

Henry Schmidt.
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15 A.C.
Washington, D.C.

To Kate Schmidt
Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Ohio River, Steamer Boston No.2
June 5, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

In haste I deop a few lines to you. Hoaping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your Brother Henry, and all the
Boys of my Company. We left Washington, D.C., on the 1st of June, per R.R. and arived
at Parkersburg, Va., on the 4th Inst.. Where we got on board of the said Steamer for
Louisville, Ky., where will probably stay several weeks. I shal wright more next tyme.

I am Your Husband in haste for Ever.
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V.I
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Louisville, Ky.

Give my best respects to All.

Louisville, Ky.
June 10, 1865

Dear Wife.

In haste I drop a few lines to you. Hooping that you may get them in tyme. I want you to come here as soon as posible, that take good notice as I tell you, You must lieve Wapakona on the morning train, Saturday next, so as to be at Cincinati, O. at 11 Oclock A.M. and go per Steamer to Lousville, Ky., so as to be here on next Sunday. The Steamer lieves Cincinnati at 12 OClock at noon and for Lousville, Ky., but Mrs Hipp wants to come along with you, theirfor you must look for her at Hamilton. She will be their and look for you, if you get this letter to late to come on the 4 Oclock A.M. train, then dont come, for I want you here on Sunday, next.

You can borow 50 or 60 Dollars off somebody for a few days. You can pay it when you go back. I get paid by that tyme. If you cant lieve at 4 Oclock in the morning, next Sadurday, dont come. Be shure and be here by Sunday Morning, if posible. If not wright when you receive the letter & C.. I hope you get this letter Friday, so as to start on Sadurday.

I am ever yours
H. Schmidt
Captain

Head Quarters, Co. "C" 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
Camp near Louisville, Ky.
June 11, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear beloved Wife,

Your letter of the 1st inst. has come to hand. Which pleased me very much. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your Brother Henry I am pleased to hear that your health is good, also Your Mothers and Sisters, Friends and Relations. Dear wife, I dont know what to think about us being or giting Mustered out of the U.S. service, for they are so many rumors afloat that it puzels me, what to think and belief, but dear Wife I do hoap that we may soon be mustered out so that I may go to you dear and I hope welcom Arms.

May the Almighty God grand this, my earnest wish for I have seen the last of the War and that is what I wantet and I am proud that I have thus stuck to the last, and don my share as a Soldier, an Officer and a Gentleman. If I have failed in some respect, I hope the Almighty God may forgive my weakness and let me share my latter days with thee, in peace befor God and the World, so that we may once, both go to that Happy home, where all trouble and pain doth seace and join hand in hand befor the throan of God to be once more Unitet for Eternaty.

I am Yours as ever
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
Comdr. Co. C.
Louisville, Ky.

Lousville, Ky.
June 14, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear beloved Wife,

Your letter of th 6th inst. has just come to hand, which pleased me very much. Thank God that your health is good and all the Ballance of the friends and Relations. Thank God my health is good, excelend, super fine, also your Brother Henry. I havent seen Sam Craig since I left Washington, D.C., nor any of the ballance of Sams Band. They are here, but I have had no tyme to look for them. Major Charles Hipp is with the Regiment ever since we arived at Washington, D.C.. You want to know when I can come home, dear wife, that is more than I can tell you. I hope that we will all be at home about the 4 of July, 1865. About the Vetrans having to serve their tyme out, is I think all talk of the United States can disband all the troops at once until all is quiet, which is about so. I realy think that in a very short tyme we will all go in peace to our dear ones at home. I am sorry to hear that Mina Distelrath's litle girl died, but it cant be helpt, and about My Step Mother geting drunk. The poor old Women is geting old and cant stand much , she can very easy make a mis step but I realy think that she is not to blame. If any one is to blame, it must be father, for he scolds so very much and it hurts the old Womens feeling and she may on that account fail. May God forgive her and Father, if he is the fault of that Great Eavel. I shal pray for their welfair. The Scripture says, pray for your Enemy, for Father is a Enemy to me, I know and has always bin, but may the Almighty God forgive him for all that he has wronged me. I have forgiven him and pray that God may do the same.

Oh Dear beloved Wife, how I wish that I could be with you now. I was in Church at Washington, D.C., Sunday befor last and in Church at Lousville, Ky, last Sunday. The litle children went to their first Comunion last Sunday here, it was so nice, Sitisens [citizens] ware so good and acomodating to me. They always bring me to a seat in church and than I must go home with them and eat diner, drink & smoke. All strangers but realy friends, the reason is, I supose that I am about the only officer that attents church, when chance permits. May God grand that I may soon go to church with you at Wapakoneta, O. and pray for each other, as I have and you have, while absent from each other. Dear wife

dont forget me in all your prayers. God knows that I havent much oppertunity.

I shal close my few lines and pleas dear wife and give my best respects to all inquiring friends, Your Mother, Sister, Friends and Relations, My Father, Mother, Brother and Sister and tell them that I wroat them a few days ago and would be very thankfull for an answer, also give my respects to Mr & Mrs Klug, Mr & Mrs Distelrath, Mr & Mrs Fisher, Mr & Mrs Kerber, Uncle Daniel & Wife, Susan, Mr & Mrs Heinrich, Mr & Mrs Helbling, Mr & Mrs Ord, Mr and Mrs--All thos that inquiser for me.

I am and Remain your Devoted Husband until deth parts us.

Henry Schmidt

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

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

Lousville, Ky.

To. Mrs Kate Schmidt

Wapakoneta, Auglaize Co., Ohio

Lousville, Ky.
June 25, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear beloved Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you, hoaping that you got home safe, after I left you on bord of Steamer Genl. Lytel. I hastent to Camp and found all in good style. Your Brother Henry was in town early in the morning, but thought you ware gon, he is all right again and so am I since you are gon. I slep nice last night in my Camp bed. I suppose you felt relieved on the boat, having no man to bother you, at 10 Oclock last night we got orders to be redy to march at 6 Oclock A.M. this Morning [Sunday, June 25, 65], so you see that I got shut of you in tyme, so as to pack my things for Shipment. I shal wright again as soon as we arive at our destinety. I supose it will be as reportet here to for, Litle Rock, Ark. or their about. I shal give my addres to Lousville, Ky. for safty, for the letter will follow up and I will get it as soon as if I would addres it to Litle Rock, Ark, our destinaty may change to an other sea port, theirfor I think it best to addres thus. None of My Company has as yet taken french Furlough, and I hope none will, for It will be best for them not to do so. I close those few lines, hoaping they may find you all sound and safe at home enjoying yourself better then at Lousville, Ky, with your Rusty Old Man, haint you glad, you are once safe from his ugly grasp, for he botherd you by day and by night, I pity you poor litle wife. Dear Beloved Wife, dont trouble your self about me for I haint going to hurt myself in this War or more so sivel [Civil] War any more. I may do as I don yesterday morning [Reslit the sheat] take care that you dont do the same, keep a good suply of corks on hand for that purpose. I have suplied my self, no danger any more. Dear Wife take good care of your self and dont cry more than 20 tymes a day. I know I wont, but I would like just now have a kiss, cant you give it. Give My Best Respects to all an tell them, that I am kicking yet.

I Am Your true husband until Jerusalams days.
Henry Schmidt
Your Captain of the 37th duch Regt.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C. Shermans Army
Lousville, Ky.

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Give Liby a Kiss for me, also Chorg? & baly? and Tom Crowder. ha.ha.ha.ha.ha.ha.

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If I cant come home purty soon, I shal shurly wait a litle while and then come home.

If you get home befor I do, tell the folks that you beat me in doing so well.

As soon as you get home and receive this letter, answer me and tell me all & dont forget to send that Kiss.

Best Respecs from Henry Finke, Fred Stork, Henry and all the boys, expesly me.

Best respec to Your Mother, Sister, My Father, Mother, Brother, Sister & Mrs Distelrath,

Mrs Fisher, Mrs Oconel, Christena, Mr & Mrs Heinrich and all friends and Relatives.

Daniel Schmidt, Susan, O.T. Dieker. Shawber & Timmermester

On Steamer Argonaut.
June 27, 1865

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you. Hooping that they may find you all right. Thank fortion I am well and sound and I hope that I may have the pleasure of recieving the good news from you, that you got home safe and sound. Your Brother Henry is well and harty. News I know non. We left Camp on Sunday last, at 6 A.M. and went on board of the above said Steamer and than Anchored in the Channel til four Oclock A.M., Monday Morning, when we startet for Little Rock, Ark.. Give my best respects to all.

I am yours truly
Captain Henry Schmidt
Your husband til deth.

On Steamer Argonaut
Near Memphis, Tenn.
June 29, 1865

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you. Hoping they may find you all right on the Goose.

Thank fortion, I am well and geting fatter every day since you left. Your Brother Henry is all right. Anton Farner [Fahrer] "Old Switzer", desertet near Caro, Ill., he was drunk or he wouldent have don so. Fred Roetcher has also desertet, near Lousville and I think Henry Schulenberg also. I am sory for the boys, for I fear they will be scaverly punished. I suppose you got home with out the loss of head or toe. News I know none. Give my best Respecs to all inquiring friends, expesly to your Mother Betzy and Sister.

Answer as soon as you get this letter and tell me how you got home, drunk or Sober. I have bin intierly sober ever since you left me. I am very thirsdy for Beer but it is plaid out again. We have some bad Ale on Board, for twenty five cents a halve glass and I will rather go dry, like Granys Cow, than pay that. Dear Wife dont let your cow go drye for I want some Milk to Drink when I git home, also drink a glass of Beer for me, also send twelve Dozen of your Sweet Kisses, packet up in Straw and Ice and forward them by Express to My Address and I shal return the value of them with return Mail. Pleas forward the above Kisses as soon as pratable and I am yours as Old Hen.

Tell Father that I am well and sound, also all the Boys. Give him and Mother, Brother, and Sister, my Best Whishes, also Your Mother and Sister, Hety and all the Brewers, Klugs, Browns, Fishers and all. Tell Father and Joseph that I am waiting very antious for a letter from them and that I have bin doing so for some tyme. Dit you see Casper at Cincinati, O. and dit you hear from John at Lima, O..

I Remain Yours Truly,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Little Rock, Ark.

To My Dear Wife.
Kate Schmidt.
Wapakoneta, O..

On board of Steamer Argonaut.
July 3, 1865

Dear beloved Wife,

In haste, I drop a few lines to you, to let you know that we are at the above said place near Divels[Devall's] Bluff on White River, Sixty miles from Little Rock, Ark. per R.R.. Your Brother Henry is well. I hope that those few lines, may find all of you still a kicking. Dit Sam Craig get home befor or after you or ditent he come yet. News I dont know more theirfor I shal close with good Spirit and remain your true and devotet Husband until Deth parts us. Yours for Ever. Give my best respects to all inquiring, Expesly Your Mother, Sisters and Relatives, My Father, Mother, Brothers & Sister. This is the fourth Letter I write since you left Lousville, Ky..

Stil Yours Truly
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Regt. O.V.V.I.
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15 A.C.
Little Rock, Ark.

Little Rock, Ark.
July 10, 1865

Dear Beloved,

Your letters of June 27th and 29th have come to hand, which pleased me very much. Still I am sorry that you are unwell. I am also sorry that I made you feel bad, by my saying that I felt good since you was gone. If I would if thought that you wouldnt believ the way I wroat. I have no more news, except that they is a rumor this day in camp that our Regiment is to be mustered out. I hope it is true, so that I can go home to your arms, so that you may feel better. I partly doubt it, but it may be true. Your brother Henry is in good health, also all the boys of my Company. I have until yet found my Valiese and I think that it is lost. I hope not, but I am afraid it is.

Dear beloved Wife, give my best Respects to all inquiring friends, expesly your Mother, Sister, Aunts & C., My Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister and all Friends and Relations.

And I Remain your true beloved Husband.
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37: Regt. O.V.V.I.

To. My dear Sweet Wife
Kate Schmidt
Wapakoneta, O..

Little Rock, Ark.
July 14, 1865

Dear Beloved Wife.

In haste, I drop a few lines to you, hoaping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health is good, also your Brother Henry's, also all the Boys. News I dont know
but very litle, the rumer is in Camp, that we will be mustered out and sent home, wont I
be pleased if it be true. Dear beloved wife, I hope the above report is true and will soon
take plase, so that I may very soon be in your Arms and Kiss those dear, dear, Sweet lips
of yours, and press again your true Busium to mine, and your sorow shall be changed in
plesure, this is all that I know of news. Weather is awful hot here and make's me sweat
like a Hen a Hatching. I shal close my few lines giving my best Respects to all inquiring
friends, expesly your Mother, Sisters, My Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister and all
friends.

Your Husband
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I
2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Little Rock, Ark.

To. My dear Wife
Sweet Kate Schmidt
Capt. Wife.

Little Rock, Ark.
July 18, 1865

Dear beloved Wife,

In haste, I drop a few lines to you. Hoaping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health is good, also your Brother Henry's and all the boys. Dear Wife I think to
be in Ohio in three or four weeks and at home soon their after with you. I understand that
we will be relieved and sent to our States for muster out, which I hope is true, We have
no Orders yet to that effect, but hope soon to receive them.

I remain yours in haste. Mail leaves in five minuts. Give my best respects to all friends.

Yours for ever,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th Regt. O.V.V.I
Little Rock, Ark.

To My Dear Wife, Kate.

Little Rock, Ark.
July 21, 1865

Dear Wife.

In haste I drop a few lines to you. Hooping they may find you in good health. Thank
fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, except Sadurday, last Sunday &
Monday, I had the Fever and very hard, but are cured now, and I feel as well as a young
goat. Your Brother Henry is all wright, also all the boys. I received no letter for 10 days.
Give my best respects to all, and I remain Your true beloved Husband until deth part us.

Yours for ever,
Henry Schmidt
Capt. 37th O.V.V.I.

Little Rock, Ark.
July 25, 1865

Kate Schmidt.

Dear beloved Wife,

Your letter of July 11, 1865 has come to hand. I am sorry that you are unwell, but I hope that you will soon recover better health. Thank fortion I am as well and harty as can be at present. Last week I had the Fever, three days but cured it very shortly and I have very much appetite and feel well and sound, also your Brother Henry. I think John Schnider will come home befor long on Furlough. You will give him a One Hundred Dollar Bill along but if you need some money you can give him Seventy five and you keep twenty five dollars. I shal send a small order with him. My money is all, your Brother would if come home on Furlough but I think that we will be mustered out purty soon and it would be money thrown away, for he couldent go home and come back for less than One Hundred Dollars. Major General Rynolds, Commanding this Department, tells me a few hours ago, that I could depend on that, we would be Mustered out the first of October, 1865, if not sooner. I dont hope you belief what you wroat in your last letter, it is very true that I like my men, but they are very mistaken about, caring more about them, then about you. I hope that you know better or aught to know so. Dear Wife, I know it is wrong for me now, to stay in service any longer. Since the war's over. You say that you hear that I could of come home if I wantet to but you are Mistaken in that at Lousvilla, I might of don so, but I thought I could be Mustered out with the Regiment, befor this tyme but in this Department it is imposible for me to come home, by Resign or Muster out at present. Theirfor dear Wife be pationed a litle while longer and befor you think I supose you will behold me in your Arms. We will lieve this place purty soon and go to Fort Smith and from their to Fort Gibson, until Mustered out.

I remain Your true Husband until deth
Henry Schmidt.

I shal send a letter as soon as I lieve this place.

Little Rock, Ark.
July 28, 1865

Dear Wife,

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Your letter of July 11th has come to hand, I am glad to hear that you are about well. I hope that such sickniss will not come back again. Thank fortion my health is good and has bin for some tyme, also your Brother is all right. Anton Farrer has arived here, also George Fisher[Our Cook], but the best, Slipper, necktye and Letter you sent with him was Stolen from him on the boat. I have good luck at present. My Valiese is gone. I supose for I cant find any thing out. I supose it was stolen to. I have nothing, but what I have on my back and havent had for some tyme, since I left you. I am also out of Money to buy Clothing with, it takes all I can rake and scrape for to feed me with hard tack and Sow Belly. I think now that I will soon get home, also your Brother. I understand that we shal go home for Muster out as soon as transportation can be had. Which will be sometyme next week or week after that. I dont think that John Schnider will go on Furlough now, becaus we get Mustered out. You want to know wether it is cold down here, yes it is cold enough to roast a man alive, in two hours, in the sun. It is awful hot, to hot to be comfortable. I have comand of the Regiment for some^{3,4} tyme.

I remain your true beloved Husband.
Henry Schmidt.
Capt. 37th O.V.V.I.

Little Rock, Ark.
August 1, 1865

Dear Wife,

In haste, I drop a few to you hoaping they may find you all right, also your Mother, Sisters & C.. Thank fortion my health is good, also your Brother Henry's, also all the boys. Dear Wife, yesterday evening we got Orders for Muster out and I think in three weeks, we will all be at home, Citisans of the U. S. and no more Soldiers. I am very well pleased, but would be moreso if I ware at home alreedy. Weather is very hot, not quite so many sick as last week.

I remain Yours
Henry Schmidt
Captain 37th Rgt. O.V.V.I.

Head Quarters 2nd Brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.
Near Little Rock, Ark.
Aug. 8, 1865

Soldiers of the Second Brigade,

The time has arrived when you are to be permitted to return to your homes and your organization as a Brigade, which has enlisted for more than three years is to be broken up while I congratulate you upon your prospects of soon returning to your families and friends, feelings of deep sorrow and regret crowd themselves into my mind at the thought of having to dissolve a friendship which has been made dear by long association and at severing ties which have been made sacred and tender by sharing in common angers and sufferings.

Four Years ago inspired by true patriotism you sprang to arms at the call of your country you have continued at your posts, until you had the proud satisfaction of seeing your work well done. The last traitor has been disarmed and our glorious old Stars and Stripes again wave triumphantly over every foot of our territory. As a Brigade you have fought more than a score of battles. Upon your battle scarred banners are inscribed: Shiloh, Vicksburg, Jackson, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Savannah and a score of others not less important Victories.

The graves of your fallen comrades mark your course in the thousand's of miles which you have marched through the Southern States and by their number tell of the sufferings and trials which you have endured.

Your courage and your patriotism have only been equalled by the fortitude and patience which has ever been characteristic of you as Soldiers often without rations and with not enough of Clothing to keep you comfortable some of you were without Shoes in mid-winter you have always exhibited the most cheerful feelings and have performed your arduous duties with alacrity.

Comrades though I am no longer your Commander I will ever look back with pride and satisfaction upon the time which we have served together. I will ever cherish in my heart your deeds of heroism and Valor and ask no greater honor than to have shared with you in the glorious achievements of your Brigade. Your Country appreciates your Service and gratefully will well come you to your homes with the plan dit "well and

faithfully don". As you have been good soldiers be good citizans and may hevens cherish-
er blessings attend you all through life.

Wels. S. Jones.

Brvt. Brig. Gen.

Comdy. 2nd brig. 2nd Div. 15th A.C.

Army of the Tenn.

Filson Historical Society

On board of Steamer Kate Hart.
Near Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 12, 1865

Dear Wife,

In haste I drop a few lines to you, hoping they may find you all right. Thank God I am well and sound and Mustered out and on my roat home. I cant tell yet, to what camp we will go to Cleveland or Columbus, O. or Camp Denison. I think we will go to Cleveland and their be paid off and then return to our dear homes. Dear Wife you need not wright any more. I think in two days from today, I will see you at Wapakoneta, O., may be more or may be sooner.

I am Your's in haste, Your Husband
Henry Schmidt
Capt. Comp. "C" 37" O.V.V.I.