

1. 1. Phillipp Schneider to his sister, November 11, 1864

[Translation]

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Pine Bluff, Ark

November 10

Dear Sister

5 Today I received with joy the
letter that you wrote on the 18th of
October, and I saw from it that
you are still healthy which is
a great joy to me, I am
still quite healthy,
10 we had to go farther to li[ttle]
rock, and the 29th Iowa (Regiment)
is supposed to come here in our place
General Solomon worked
all summer already to get our
15 Regiment, and
General Clayton does not
want to let us go, he
set a telegraph to General
Steel, that he would rather give
20 2 of the Illinois Regiments than
us, but it is so that the
28th Wisconsin rules the whole
city, {Profest} we guard

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25 the pontoon bridge, the sawmill
the carpentry shop, the blacksmith,
the school, and the church, the post
office, the print office
the Commissary Store, and with
one word, the entire [city]
30 is ruled by the 28th Wis. Vol=
lunteer, and that's why the
Post Commander, Clayton, doesn't
want to let us go, dear sister
I've been going more often to church
35 than I have ever gone, it is
three times on Sunday and
3 times in the week, last Sunday

I was by Jacob two times, and
from there we went to church,
40 before I became a sergeant I had to
promise our captain
that I no longer wanted to play cards
for money and I said to him
that I didn't give it up,
45 just to become sergeant, but
I had or had resolved

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not to play for money
anymore, and I have
not lost anything by playing, but
50 it is probably better for me when
I no longer play for money,
dear sister what will the
Kühle aunt [Aunt Kühle] do when
her two sons must go to
55 the South, and the lynching
and all the young women must [...]
let their husbands go south
you can be happy
that you are still unmarried,
60 the war will also eventually
come to an end, and
we will be able to be together
in peace, have patience the
time is coming soon, dear sister
65 Jacob Goelzer and I, received
a letter from Valentin Graf
9 Wis. Vol. he said that they are
probably going home on the 8th of
Nov, I would have wished, we

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70 could have seen them one more time
before they go home, I would have liked
to send my revolver home, and also some
clothes, a pair of [...], a woolen blanket
and such things, now I would like to let you
75 know how our election went,
McClellan didn't receive any votes, he would
have received many votes from our regiment, if

he hadn't been nominated through the Copperhead Platform
I am also out for
80 peace, but that man, Jeff Davis, has his
way, that won't do either, then we have
already lost too many soldiers and pushed the
Rebels to far to give up all of a
85 sudden and to give the Rebels their way,
when you write me, please write me how
the election in Milwaukee went,
I will close now in the
hope that you and everyone are as healthy
as we are, now again 1000
90 greetings from me and Jakob
to you and Margaret Kühl, [...]
and all who ask about me. Amen
I almost forgot it, I received the stockings
I think they will be good for me this winter
95 on the picket line. yesterday and today
our regiment didn't need to set any
pickets, we will probably go to
Little Rock this week. Amen,
yours truly
100 forever
Brother
Phillipp Schneider

[Note 1]

In the newspaper
that I sent you
105 I had two cotton
bolls so as
they grow and I
wished you had received them

[Note 2]

Margaret I should
110 think if I had the
number from your
boss's mail box
and had put it on
the letter for you would
115 have been better