

3. Phillipp Schneider to his sister, December 12, 1864

[Translation]

Little Rock, Ark.
December 12, 1864

Dear sister,

5 Yesterday I was on the picket line
It was very cold, but last night
we had a hearty
fire, on the picket post
I also received the letter that
10 you wrote on the 1st of December,
it made me very happy, that
you are still healthy
and have remained in one place for
so long, it is much nicer
than if it were, the
15 Schneiders farmhand is already
moved to another
place. the letter that you
wrote on November 17th, with the last
shirt that you sent, I have
20 received and am very
happy with it, if I
wanted to sell it, I could
get 16 dollars for the two,

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25 But I want to wear them
myself, they are too valuable
to me, than for someone else
Dear sister, we have
had several days of pretty
cold weather, we think
30 at least so, because it froze
ice, which people aren't used to
here, we are still building
our barracks
and we will also not
35 finish them this month,
we are, until now,
still in the old barracks
where the 36th Iowa reg. was
but we have only very little space

40 there, I was also by the
27th Wis. Regt, they are
all still in good spirits, they are
guarding the railroad on the other
side of the Arkansas river
45 when you write again,
write me, if you

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have seen Valentin
Henrich, in the 9th Ws,
It is now only 8 months
50 and some days before us
and then we will also come
home, but I think
we will have to march again once
more next spring,
55 but I am happy that
the old Steel isn't going
with us. Then he is superseded
by General Rennolds
what kind of general that is,
60 we don't know yet,
He will likely be how they
all are, General Clayton
is still one of the best
who commanded us.
65 I will send you
(Little Rock)
a newspaper, that
has General Clayton's
thank you speech in it,
of the 68th [28?]Wis, you know

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70 already what he thinks of
us, I will close now
with many greetings, from me
and Jakob, to you,
and all of the Germantown girls
75 and everyone who asks about me
I hope that these few lines reach you
as healthy as they left me,
when you write

again, don't put any more
80 paper in it, then I have paper
enough, I'd rather you write everything
full of news, I thank
you many times for the 2
shirts, and when I come back
85 I will make it right to you
Amen
on a speedy
answer waits
your brother
90 Phillipp Schneider