April 13th (15?) 1862

Dear Friends,

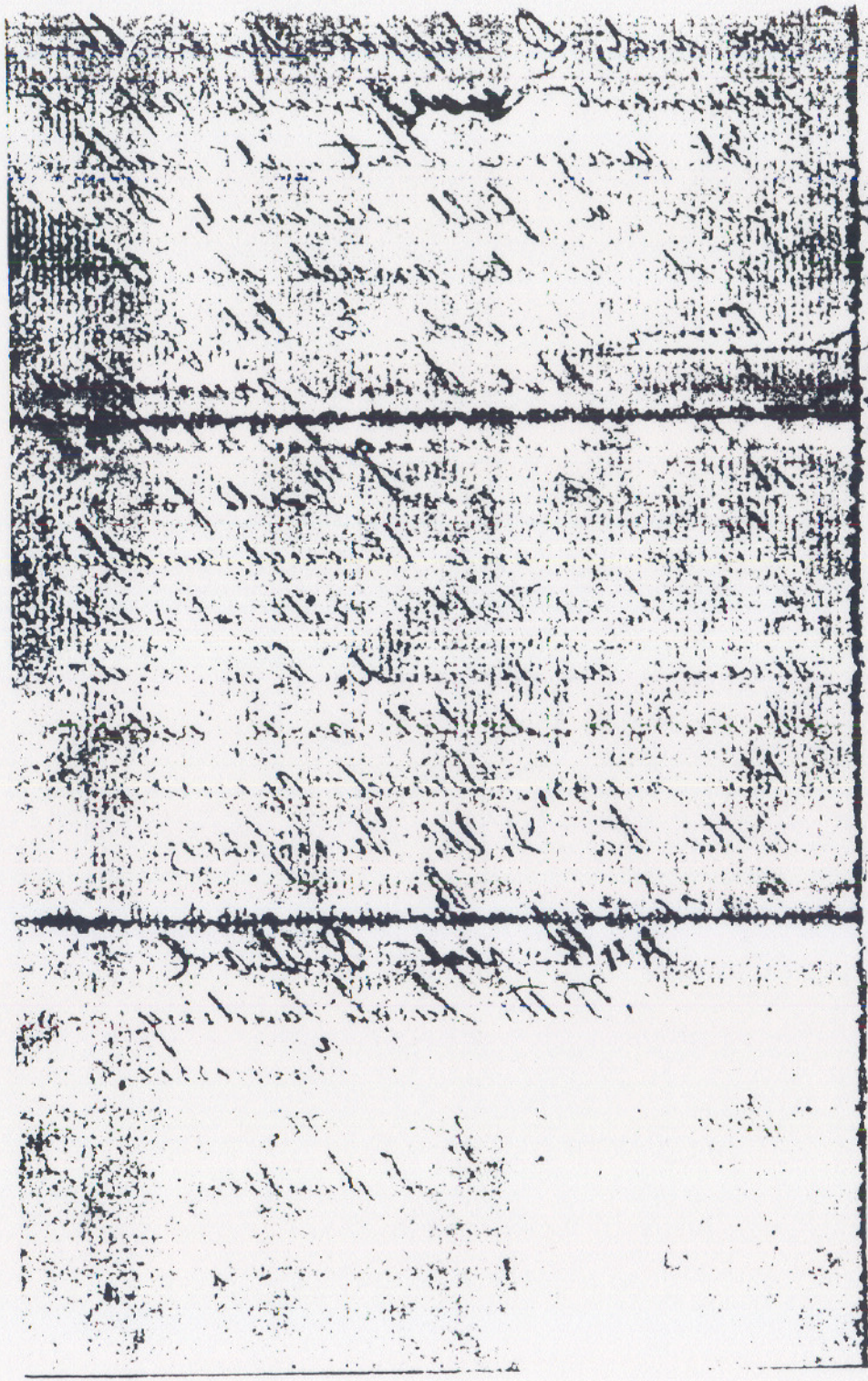
I am reasonable well at present and trying to enjoy my self as well as existing circumstances will ~~permit~~ admit ~~I suppose that you have herd ere this time of our great battle at this place which took place on Sunday morning the 6th and ended on monday. it was an awful battle horrible beyond discription~~ the enemy attacked us early on Sunday morning which was altogether unlooked for. I do not know how many was killed and wounded on our side but it is frightful. our company sustained a loss of eighteen killed and wounded including our captain who was wounded on Sunday and died on tuesday. We all mourn his loss for he was a good captain and a brave man. yet we know he fell in a glorious cause but oh how many of our noble hearted men must fall in this war. it is horrible to think about when you write tell me how you like your new home and all about it also if you can get a Ft Wayne paper that gives a full account of the 44th Regt (regiment) in this battle I wish you would send it to me, I want to see whether the account is correct or not, I suppose since the regiment was made up at Ft Wayne it will give a full account. I will not write much for this time, merely to let you know that I am numbered with the living for which I thank the good Lord for bringing me

through another very hard battle without even receiving a wound. Now write soon and tell me all the news, Direct your letter to D. W. Thompson
Company B
44th Regt – Ind vol
Pittsburgh landing
Tennessee

My love to you all.

D. Thompson

Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburgh Landing) was fought April 6, 7, 1862. Of the Indiana Regiments involved, the 44th were hardest hit – 24 killed and 168 wounded. Indiana Governor Morton sent 30 surgeons. The Confederate General Albert Sydney Johnston was killed in front of the Indiana 44th: died Daniel W. Thompson fire the shot!?



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Camp of the 44th near
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