Camp Chattanooga Tennessee Jan. 6th 1864

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HEAD QUARTERS,

Co. ...., 44th Reg. Indiana Vol. Inf.

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indefinite and that the long looked for day of peace is yet in the far future. Tell me in your answer to this where John Chase is and give me his address. The last letter I wrote to him he did not answer he was then at Murfreesboro. He promised to send the money due me by letter but if he sent it it was not received. Tell me how you like to live in the neighborhood where you now live I have had no letter from Grandfathers folks Since I was at home. I see George Althous occasionaly he is still at this place. I will close my letter for the present. write me soon

D. W. Thompson

NOTE: He got a furlow Jan 6, 1864 (see comment under "Report of the Adjutant General"). From his comments in this letter, he felt he was denied a furlow at this time - when he would have voted for President - and must have been a Democrat.

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