Chattanooga Tennessee
Nov. 10th 1863

Dear Friends. I received your letter yesterday dated March (?). I was glad to hear from you, that you was well (etc?) I am well and in good spirits. also the general health of my company is good and all seem in the best of spirits not withstanding the short rations which we have necessarily subsisted upon from a (_____?) & the proper means for its shipment to this place. however we look forward for a better day to come and bear all hardships and privation without a single complaint as every American Soldier and Citizen Should do who are fighting for a great and noble cause. I have no very exciting news to tell you fighting is going ~~on almost every day~~ to a certain extent, however no general engagement has taken place since the battle. the rebels are in force before Chattanooga ever since the battle and the lines of the two armies in some places are but a ~~few rods apart. we converce together exchange papers. and have made an agreement between each other that neither party will~~ fire on the other unless a general

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Daniel W. Thompson

Nov. 23, 1863. Thomas takes Orchard Knob in front of Missionary Ridge. Nov. 24, 1863. Hooker's troops take Lookout Mountain. Sherman attacks opposite end of Missionary Ridge. Nov. 25, 1863. Sherman's attack on Bragg's right is halted. Thomas' Army of the Cumberland charges up Missionary Ridge and Routes the Confederates. Indiana Regiments involved, including Daniel W. Thompson in the 44th, were: 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 22, 32, 35, 38, 40, 42, 44, 55, 57, 58, 59, 68, 74, 75, 82, 83, 86, 87, 88, 97, 99, 101.

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