

ground we had mine
wounded in our company
I will give you some
of those names
James, Russell, John, Foster
Dress, Shuck, James,
Walsh for the pres-
ent I will stop
write soon and I
forgot to tell you
a bout paper I was very
glad to get it and I hope
you will send it after
write soon and give
me all of the news
you said that I must
not join the regulars
for I would soon be
twenty one yet I
have got out of the notion
write soon and
give my respects to all of
my friends give my
best love to Mrs. Raily
Amos, Mount

April 13, 62
Battle field of Shilo
near Pittsburg Landing
Tenn

My Dear one
I would more than
the pleasure to write
to you all since I
last wrote to you we
have marched nine days
on a force march and
have been in one of the
hardest battles that
has been fought and we
reached the battle ground
Sunday night last
after dark and we stood
in line of battle all
night in the rain the
fight commenced
at day light again it
is today that I never

will for get to see
the dead lying over
the field, and to hear
the groans of the wounded
it was one of the awful-
sides that man every
antressed I counted
fourty bad-bodys
in one place most of
them over rebels it would
^{make} the heart of most any
one quiver to see the dead
and wounded and to hear
the groans of the wounded
and you later has just
come to hand I ~~was~~ ^{am} glad
you that I ever get to
hear from you all as
I ever geting very anxious
to hear from you all
and you said in your
your letter that you
had read a letter from

Wheley and that he
said the the Lincoln
Lincolns over try
to whip them out
and I have only got
to say that if he is
a traitor to his country
I hope he will meet
a traitors fate for if
there ever was any thing
I hate it is a traitor
and you said in your
letter that you thought
I wrote my will, no I
did not it was because
because I could not
but I hope I soon may
you said that I would
write plain and all
I ~~will~~ write plain as I
can for I am now sitting
away out in the woods by
self on the little

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