

6000, troops near that place & 5000 or  
6000 has to cross the river here to night &  
march 30 miles to night & tomorrow without  
Knapsacks to Mitchels relief. If this be true  
we will have to fight in a short time  
I will close at present your most  
affectionate Son till death

Lafayette Harding Capt

Bowlinggreen Head Quarters 9<sup>th</sup> Regt  
11<sup>th</sup> Brigad February 26<sup>th</sup> 1862,  
Dear Father & Family  
I again attempt to write you a letter  
to let you know how I am getting along at  
present I am well & doing fine I hope  
you can say the same. We received  
orders to march on the 15<sup>th</sup> 8 miles 14<sup>th</sup> 6 miles  
15<sup>th</sup> to Edmington remained there till 17<sup>th</sup>  
when on to Glasgow the same day 13 miles  
18<sup>th</sup> to Glasgow 29<sup>th</sup> marched to Bells Tavern  
Louisville & Nashville N. K. 29<sup>th</sup> 7 miles 25 to  
this camp there are over twenty thousand troops  
here it just a military camp from Bells Tavern  
on to this place every thing eaten in the way of provis-  
ions & forage about half of the rails along the road  
is burnt upon the whole the country almost ruined  
the armies. we will take up our line of march as  
soon we can cross the river there are about 10 or 12  
thousand to cross & we are near the rear there are  
42 pieces of Artillery to cross yet we will go to  
Nashville just as soon as we can get there we would  
have gone by Scottsville but the bridges were  
burned they are also burned here but Steamboats  
will set us over & the bridge will be done in  
a day or too the Cars will go to Bowlinggreen