

Camp Decorsey
Lexington Fayette Co Ky
April the 6th 1862

Dear Father I am
now at Lexington and
this is Sunday and
we ~~expect~~ have orders
to start to London a
Tuesday I am proud to
say that I am well
and that James is well
to the hold command
of Company D that Capt
Scott is Wick and our
first Lieut James Miligan
has shot his self through
the calf of his leg and
is not able to be with
us I have only got thirty
nine men to command
I have a good dinner
but it is now to take
it a food for there

is ~~now~~ other way
to get there we left
Louisville yesterday about
twelve o'clock and got
to Lexington at dark
the old iron horse is a
fast horse to ride
on the union the con-
stitution for ever
is my motto this is
the prettiest country
that I ever seen in
my life we have got
a company of artillery with
us there is 15 cannons
here in this artillery we
are ~~the~~ ^{under} General Morgan
Division this is the 22nd Regt
Ky Art and the 14th Regt
the 42nd Ohio Regt will
be here in the morning
there will be some

Chana for a fight
~~here~~ at London in
Ky about 35 miles
from the Cumberland
gap I heard from
the Bonds boys they
was at Lebanon Camp
hard quarters we have
drawn new tents to
stay in I must

Come to a close saying
these lines leaves me
and comes well and
one of the loyal sons
of Ky and Sincerely
hope this will find you
well write soon

Your Son until
Death
John A. Gilbert