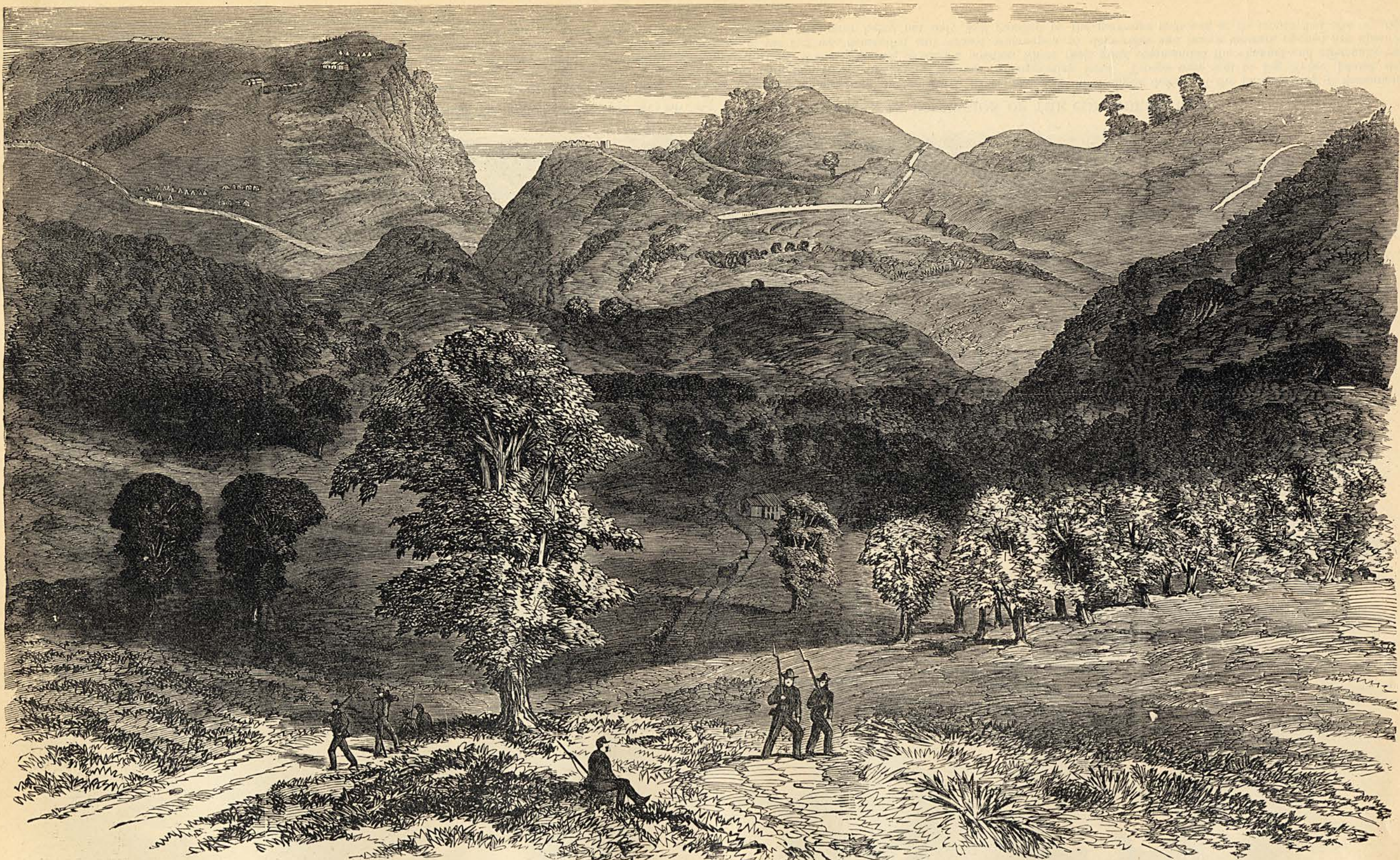




CUMBERLAND HEIGHTS, FROM THE KENTUCKY SIDE.—FROM A SKETCH BY AN ENGINEER OF BRAGG'S ARMY.

One of the strategic points in the southwestern field of action was the pass of the Cumberland range, on the border between Kentucky and Tennessee. This opening between the North and the South is about 45 miles from Knoxville. The mountains here rise to a great elevation, but the gap where the roadway passes through is only 1665 feet above the sea. Several of the preliminary passages of the war had respect to the possession of Cumberland Gap; and the Union army, in obtaining the prize, in the winter of 1862, suffered great hardships and privations.