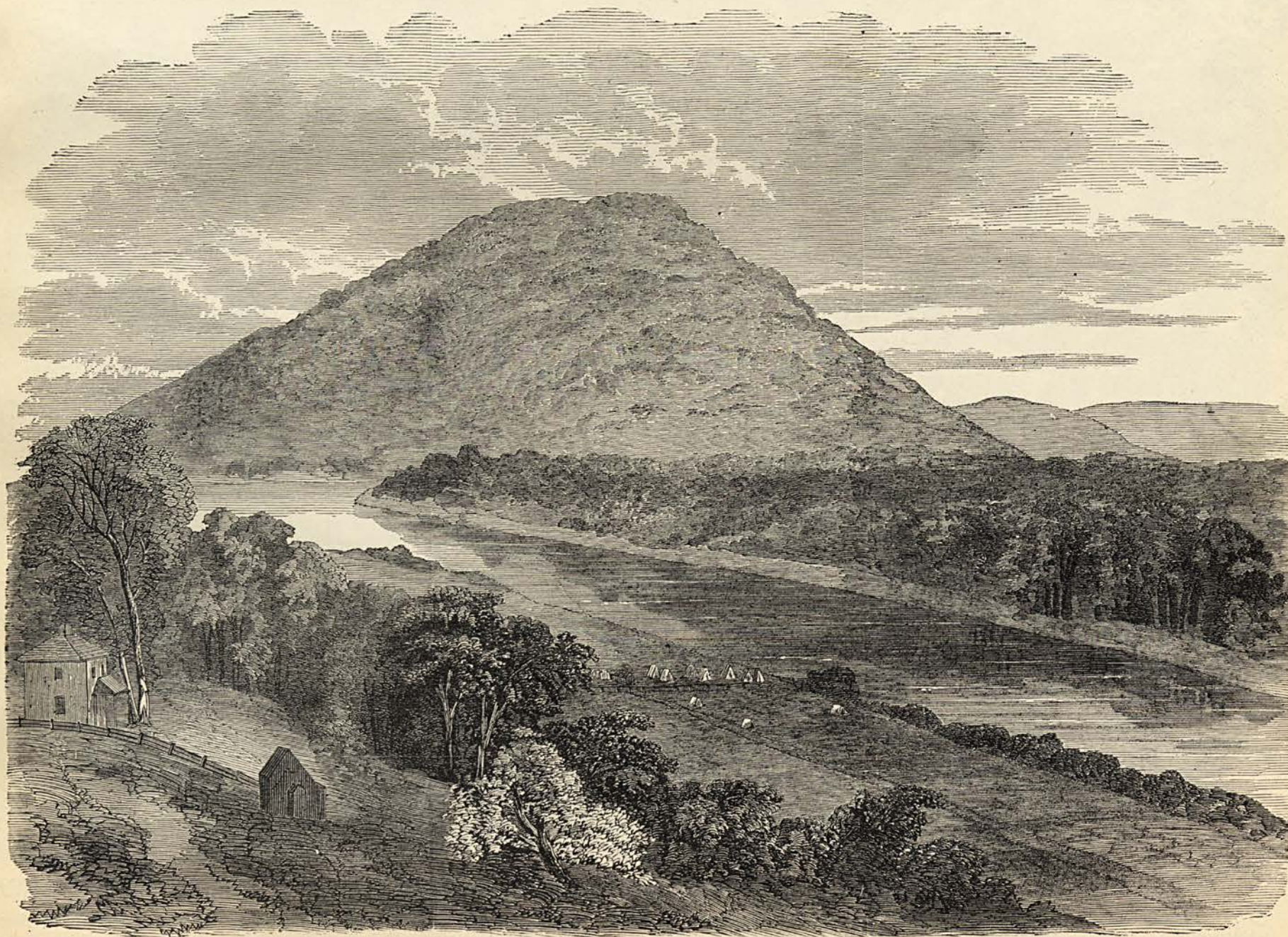




WILDER'S MOUNTED INFANTRY PASSING THE BLOCKHOUSE OF THE NASHVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD.
FROM A SKETCH BY J. F. E. HILLEN.

One of the rapid riders of the Union war was General James A. Wilder, of Indiana. Towards the end of the conflict he became noted as a cavalryman and hard fighter. His forces were designated as the "Persimmon Brigade." He was one of the officers to discover the efficiency of mounted infantry. The Federal forces in the prosecution of the war must advance and advance. Their movements must be rapid. One of the difficulties was that such movements effected by cavalry were not sufficiently enforced with good fighting when the objective point had been reached; hence the expedient of mounting infantry forces, hurrying them to a designated position, and then dismounting the soldiers for battle. This method became a well-established feature of tactics. The illustration shows a body of such troops under the command of Wilder advancing into the enemy's country.



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENN., OCCUPIED BY GENERAL ROSECRANS.
FROM A SKETCH BY AN ENGINEER OF BRAGG'S ARMY.