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Dear Brother I take
my pen to write a
few lines to you it
may possibly be the
last time god only
knows I am a going to
join my regiment in
a day or two to start with
the rest that loves here
tomorrow or next day
I dont know what is a
going to become of my

family I have not
drawed a cent from
gouernment since I left
geneva Ill between
3 & 4 dollars from
the boys for cooking
is all I have got
from them this cooking
business has turned a
poor affair far as I
am concerned if I
should live and get
20 dollars for my share
I shall be sattisfide
yestady I saw C. M.
Hatch & Ruben Hatch
I think his name is and
shook hands with them
Re Hatch is quarter
marster here C. M.
Hatch told me to
give his ~~respects~~ respects

to you when I wrote
home he stopt a little
while here in paducah
he and Gouerner Beates
with about one hund
red surgeons and nurs
es was on the way
to the army so to
be redy to assist the
wounded the battle
may not come of
for several days yet
I thought my family coul
draw some as ~~of the~~ family
in Dixon but I cant hear
as they have drawed any
thing from the town for
four months now they
have lived is more than
I know I suppose on po
tatoes and salt there will
be no use in trying to answer
this now

more
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I'd have spoken get right
for I am a going
where I would not
be likely to get any
letters very soon I
will finish this letter
tomorrow. May I will
now finish this letter the
Doctor wont let me go to
my regiment and has wro
te on to my Col that
I am detailed at St Marks
Hospital my being sick
at Smithland is a going
to be the means of my
losing my pay for lack
ing for the company but I
cant help it as I see
I may get some of it thro
ugh Charley it remains
to be seen I must now
close for the want of room
C. H. Hatch