

4) we were close enough to hear distinctly
their commands. They were pushing
their Artillery rapidly Tow - we then
changed our direction and got
within about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from our
Army - but the enemy had opened fire
and we heard our men retreating
over the Bridge and knew it would
be perfect folly to attempt to cross. So
we took down the River it was then
Sundown - we dragged our way down
The River 3 miles to a ferry, the Boat
was on the other Side and no chance
to get it over to us, we met up
here with about 40 Cavalry who were
also cut off at day light Wednesday
Morning. The most of the men went to
the Chin Breaks to conceal themselves,
we thought there was too many
together and concluded we would
Strike for the Mountains - in going
through the River Bottom a man caught
up with us - I asked him where he
was going. He told me he was going
with us. I then asked him where he
belonged. He said he belonged to the
10th Ky. Regt - I then knew he thought we
were Yankees. I took advantage of his
mistake and asked where our Boys
were he told me they were just
up the River and were coming on -