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Sept. 19. 1861

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saying that some of the enemy  
are advancing on our pickets  
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get three days provisions & be  
ready to march. So that I  
don't know how soon we  
will leave or when will be  
my next chance to write.

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a letter & price from  
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~ We are all well.

I must stop to go to  
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In haste

Yr affc son  
Bolling, Hall Jr.



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