

remain only one day on picket at a time and do not have  
any shooting with the enemy, awhile we were allowed  
to talk with the Yankees across the river, but now  
it is forbidden to hold communication in any way with  
them. I suppose it is best, not to be too intimate  
with such a treacherous enemy; at least our Generals  
think so. The weather is very fine and pleasant up  
here, I am somewhat astonished at so early frost in  
your Country though we have had frost here some  
time ago, yet this Climate is much colder than it  
is in North Carolina. General Bragg appears to be  
still in the West since his victory over Rosecrans.  
I suppose that General [redacted] is at [redacted] where  
he has entrenched and fortified his army, and has  
also received some reinforcements, so I fear that General  
Bragg will be much troubled to drive him any  
further. I do hope that Bragg can be speedily  
re-inforced with fresh troops. The late battle at  
Chickamauga was as hard a fought battle as any  
of the war. This army here in Virginia is it is  
hard to tell much about it, I am unable to say  
whether we will have any fight or not, although  
General R. E. Lee thinks we will be attacked by  
General Meade, the Yankee general, sometime shortly.  
I am very glad indeed that Murdock escaped the  
Conscript Act, and I do hope that he & James can  
remain at Home, you requested me to try for a  
furlough to go home, I can inform you that they are  
not granting furloughs to officers at this time, furloughs are