

Sunday Morning

Cheat Mountain Sept 22

My Friends Rowe & Rankin
 as I have nothing else to do
 to say but write letters I shall
 write one to you boys My health
 is very good at the Present and
 hope when this comes to hand
 may find you all well and
 Kicking it is getting pretty
 cold up here in the Mountain
 well cold enough to make
 one stand close to the fire
 to keep his shins warm
 and if there was any girls to
 squeeze one would have to
 wind about three times
 around to keep warm but
 as there is no girls we Lap
 around one another

it still keep raining here yet
but this morning it was nearly
snow but I am in hopes that
it will get warmer in a few days
our Seesh Friends have let us
alone for a few days now I guess
they thought this place to hot for
them we had a little brush
with them about a week ago
and I guess they left about 40
or 50 of their comrades on the
ground not able for duty and
our company took 7 Prisoners
So much for our company
I cant say whether we will
stay here very long or not
we have to have our guns and
fixings in good order as this
is inspection day Everything
has to be in Apple Pie
order or off you go to the
Guard House

I Suppose that Nearly all have
gone from about Plymouth
good for them all that can
go Especially young men
should go I reckon that
you have some of the young
Gents Left yett Answering you
are they afraid or what
is the Matter or are they
Wedded to the Home Guard
System if so all right
go in Germans or any
other Man I guess
that I shall send a letter
Enclosed in this which
I want you to hand
over to the one Directed
to and Let no one
have it as I understand
that there is some few that
Say that they wont Let them
go through

But I can trust you
 two and dont betray your
 Trust and then Maria
 you may kiss that girl for
 what I care and Rachel
 too Does she fulfill the Doctors
 Directions if so answer you
 Know I should like to know
 all the news dont let
 any of the Woman folks see
 this Letter for I may come
 Back some of these days and
 they would give me fits
 Write as soon as you
 get this Direct to

Grafton Virginia

care Capt Johnson
 Company D 25th Ohio
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