

Union Ridge Aug the 13th 1864

Mr. G. W. Brown
QM Gen. of West Va.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to state that the condition of my company is good and have bin very busy scouting. I have taken several prisoners of late that has bin hiding for months in the brushes. There has bin several that has given themselves up to me desiring to take the oath Suc I turn over to head qrs at Charleston my company numbers 34 at this time Gen my Co is most without ammunication if you have not sent it please make some means through which I can procuait Gen pleas forward the company ther money as they are in a destitute condition/

Gen. Sir I am yours
Very respectfully
John M. Ball
Commanding Putnam Scouts