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Camp near Falmouth

Oct. 14 1864

Dear Sister

I rec. your letter & must answer it now. I wrote a letter home on Sunday but or rather a part of a one. for I had a chance to send it away & had to quit writing before it was finished.

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Cov. is mostly poor & hilly.  
The last 20 miles we crossed  
one hollow with a little water  
in it & very narrow bottom  
lands. The rest of the time we  
marched on a level <sup>crooked</sup> road on top of  
the hill so high & steep on each  
side that there were no cross  
roads & occasionally an old house  
& a good orchard & I believe we  
pass two churches & one schoolhouse.  
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stripped of their property a few  
weeks ago by a gang of rebels  
& now we are living off the  
rebel property which was left  
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70 wagon loads of forage  
and a great deal of stock  
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parties. We have have some

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the stock & our men are going to  
grow fat on beef & mutton  
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news, for they are rebuilding the  
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