



cat fur

I guess this
full marks

Old Abe
hoo hoo

Camp near Fort Winston

October 29th 1864

Dear Friend

Uncle Samuel it is with the
greatest of pleasure that I take my
pen in hand to inform you that
I am well at this time hoping these
few lines may find you in the en-
joyment of the same blessing I rec-
your most welcome letter and
was very glad to hear from you
I must tell you that we have
had a tramp on last wednesday
we got marching orders and was to
be ready to march the next mor-
ning at early dawn and so we got
up at 9 o'clock and struck tents
and at 4 we started to the left
driving the reb pickets before us
we marched I should think a
bout 5 miles when the rebs

(old Allegonee coon)

got too strong for our men in front and then we were drawn up in line of battle and the mines came through the woods whizzing whizzing and once in a while a shell would come in rattle she bang betterly shatter clear the track but what did we care as long as they did not hit us well our boys held them at bay till friday about noon when we turned our course and back we came to our old camp and as to what we done you know as much about that as I do for there are a 1000 stories about it but you can judge for yourself as for our boys we have not fired at the enemy yet. Uncle Hiram started with us but he had not went with us far before he gave out and had to fall out and he did not see one person that he knew till this forenoon when

When he came to the regiment
pretty well exhausted having
walked some distance I gave
that receipt to J. P. Thomas and he
said that was a good job they al
most all of them are getting rec
from home and I am sorry that
I did not send for one but it
is too late now ^{to vote} but I will try
my very best they allowed us all
a vote at the other Election and
I dont think they can prevent us from
voting but I will let them know
that I will not vote for Old Alee
if I dont vote at all I rec a
good lot of tickets of the patriot
Union and 2 Columbia Dem ^{separate}
from D. S. Gate yesterday and
I intend the tickets shall be
put to good use I was glad
to hear that you was all ^{well}
and I want you to write
again for I found you.

11th

Letter very interesting and
I want you to give me all the
news of Fishing Creek and
Huntington give my best
respects to all inquiring friends
if there are any one thing I want
you to do and that is do all for
little Mac that you can for if
he is elected. I think this war
will soon be over but if Old
rail splitter goes in then look
out for I believe they can stand
it to fight as long as we can
no more at present

yours most truly
John J. O. Wilson

To Samuel Thomas

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Conrad for little Mac
Dully for that