



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Dovers 1917

Sunday Night.

My dear Brother: —

Let me inform you that once more we are in quarantine. I ~~of~~ ever I felt like blowing off steam it is now. With my own hands to-day I helped put up the fence around our barracks, which will keep us in for fifteen days from to-day (Sunday). I don't think that real interesting news for me to open my letter with to-night? One case of measles came out to-day and should ~~any~~ more come out we shall be here until after Christmas, closed in. Oh! I just hope and pray we won't be held here Christmas.

I guess we're hoodooed all
right. Thus I have presented
before your observing eye, one
of the extreme joys of army
life. The boy that has
the measles is in my squad.
There are about fifty fellows
from our company here in
weeks - and pass. Oh! won't
they rave when they bump
into the fence to - night.

Well, I sure did enjoy
myself at home. I have given
my Day. I left ayer last
Wednesday noon and got home
at three - thirty. I told mother
I would not arrive until
nine - thirty as I did not expect
to leave here until five - thirty.
But I got away at noon. You
ought to see how surprised
mother was when I came
early. But she was so glad
I came a few hours earlier.
We had a nice dinner at Stella's
Bertha was there and Doris



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Brought a girl from Perkins's
Institute with her. Mother's
stomach was bothering her
Thanksgiving Day, and that
evening before I left she
was hoarsening up a little
with a cold. But I got a let-
ter from her yesterday
and she said she was no
worse. I fear she's over-
doing at Billings'. If she
can only remain well while
we both are away, I will be
contented. When do you
come home for your vaca-
tion? I will be so glad when
you get home for a few
days.

I started for camp here Thurs-
day night at ten-fifteen, and
arrived in Ayer at two A.M.

Friday morning. My pass
read until seven-thirty Friday
morning.

I called up "Jens" this
morning to tell him I was
coming to see him, but he
had gone home for the day.
Now I won't be able to
see him for some time.

To-day for dinner we
had roast turkey, mashed
potatoes, beets, carrots, gravy,
and bread and butter and ice
cream and sponge cake. We
should snow and ice all
morning so we did eat
at dinner. To-night we had
the same, excluding the ice
cream and cake.

We surely did have some
snow storm yesterday. It
snowed and rained all day
and went into the night. It
really is terrifically cold up
here now, and I think it
won't be very long before



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we move South. We understand we are going to Texas if any place, to the border duty. We suffer everything with the cold here mornings drilling, especially carrying a gun with a steel butt-plate.

Enclosed in this letter is something which I thought you would like. It gives you a fair idea of my winter quarters. The view is taken from the hills by the main gate. A tower was built especially to take this picture.

Doris Barnard is spending this afternoon with mother & father. She said she was going to. Win, Doris surely is one peach-of-a-girl. She has been wonderfully good to

not only me but mother, since
I left home. And Win, she
thinks the world of you, too.
She was telling me the
other day that if I was
up here some Sunday while
you were home, she was go-
ing to ask you to let her
come up to play with you,
if you were coming. Just
think I have been here
eight weeks last Friday,
now going on to nine weeks.

I was so mighty glad to
hear such a glowing report
of your studies. Oh! I do hope
you'll keep it up.

I guess I'll close now. I
hope you are well. I am
fine. Remember me to
Carly. Be sure and let me
know when you are coming
home. Lots of love to you,
from

Your Brother
Wm.



For.

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