

Army and Navy
Young Men's Christian Association
"With the Colors"

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Dear Sister & all.

Will now try and write a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We have now been in camp two weeks and begin to feel at home. I have not been working very hard as yet was only out for drill for about three times was out on one hike of about three miles. I was in the kitchen for two days but do not like that inside work. Was doing carpenter work for about a week. Today I am room orderly, so I only had to lay around the barracks. We have got most of our uniform and it makes a different looking bunch out of us all. We certainly can not kick about the grub-all we can eat and can come back for more if we want it but generly get enough the first time. Last Sunday we had chicken for dinner have ice cream for dinner tomorrow. Of course things are not like they are at home but that can not be expected. Every day the Dr. comes around to see if anybody sick. We have got about four thousand negro in camp now and are expecting more. Today we had review there was certainly a big bunch of men in line. The other day fourty of us out of our company were ordered to report to the Captain. When we got there he told us that he wanted us to help train the negro. We are to get three or four day of hard training then we will be given non commission officers places as corporals and sargants. We are all in quarantine and they say will be untill next Thursday. Will certainly be glad as it is just like in jail. Can't go anywhere without a pass. The country is certainly fine this way a little rolling. Certainly a fine farming country.

The camp covers about six miles from end to end. The rifle range is about five miles from camp. We get up at six fifteen week days and go to bed at nine. On Sundays we get up at six fourty. Well I will have to ring off for this time as it is very near mess time.

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