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Miss Dorothy Homburger
1022, E 13th St.
Davenport
Iowa
Camp Meigs D.C. 9/20/18

My Dear Friend Dorothy,

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that line. The Quartermaster Corps is the business organization of the army. We equip, and supply the army with all equipment except ordnance, medical, signal corps and aerial supplies. We cloth, feed, house, and transport all men and supplies, and such a task you have never dreamed of. There is no organization in civil life that can begin to compare with it. Shortly after I came here I was sent to school and as a result I have received very little of the life of a soldier; most of my time being spent in acquiring a knowledge of government methods of conducting business, and while I have learned a great deal, I have only commenced.

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It is now nine thirty and I must get down to the Y. before 10 so I will be sent off to-night.

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