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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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Camp Meigs D. C. 9/20/18
My Dear Friend Dorothy,

Yes - I really feel ashamed of myself for not writing to you. I'll not try to make any excuses as I have always considered excuses a sign of weakness - so I'll merely place myself at your mercy and take what is coming to me - I am pleased to hear that you and Ethel are going to Augustana. While the experience of leaving home would have done you worlds of good - yet as far as knowledge is concerned I do not think you would have been better off at another school than Augie. Then too your pleasant association with Ethel can continue unbroken, which no doubt means a lot to both, and also being home has many conveniences that you do not have away.

In your first letter you asked me about army life. Dorothy I cannot give you much in

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 stoop 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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[HORNBERGER COLLECTION LETTER]

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“WITH THE COLORS”]]

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Miss Dorothy Hornberger
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