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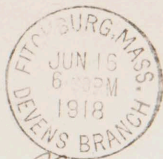
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ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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Camp Stevens, Mass
June 15, 1918.

Dear Bro.

I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. So you say that you will soon be in the Army? I want to tell you that if you have to go, that you ought to attend the drills if they have them at the Armory yet, because they will help you like the dickens when you get to Camp, because you will have a thousand and one things to learn, and if you have some idea of squad movements, it won't be so hard to catch on. I just came back from a 3 day hike, and it sure was fine. The 3 companies that are here yet went on the hike, led by our band and we camped in a

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These sham battles are sure great sport, if done right.

I think you will like the Army alright when you get in it awhile.

To change the subject I never felt better in my life since I got out of the hospital, and if nothing happens I think I can take care of Fritz. We sure got a swell bunch of Officers so you see it makes it pretty pleasant for us if we do have to drill hard. We have Sat. and Sunday off to rest up and I make pretty fair use of my



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I guess you will be ahead if you work for Nelson, because if you don't get a big job there is nothing in it. If I get back again we will go after the big work, which will pay us more.

About the allotment I think you folks will receive it pretty regular now. I have been paid since I left Camp Dodge and I get \$8.20 per month, and I am trying to save a little to take with me if I can. My insurance cost 6.86 per month and allowing for the allotment I get what is left out of \$20 per. Say Rob how are our

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