



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



1st Training Co
Camp Johnston Fla
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Dear Joe:-

Your most welcome letter reached me this evening. Some warm weather you're having isn't it? No, it hasn't been so high in temperature here but it seems to be a different kind of a heat. Its fine as long as an ocean breeze blows which is very often. But at times it is very warm. What makes it so uncomfortable here is the fact that there is sand below us and some times when we stand at attention for a little while my feet seem to be roasting. The boys of don't wear tennis or English walking

shoes. Ice water can
be had at practically every
hour in the day to ~~quench~~
our thirst. The water here
is full of sulphur and does
not ~~take~~ ^{quench} our thirst.
rapidly hence the more you
drink the more you want.

After five weeks in
detention at last we have been
transferred to the main
barracks and say its
some contrast between the
two. Here down in a room
with twenty five other
buddies. Spring beds,
mattress to sleep on. Fine
mess hall with tables to eat
on. Before, at detention we
all lined up for grub and
then squatted down on
the sand to eat. Usually
at dinner time there was
some commotion so the
sand blew every where, a good
portion of it on our grub.



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I guess if we ever get the
France will be glad to
accept food under any
condition eh?

It was Saturday I
was transferred. Yesterday
I attended S.S. and took
preaching service held
in the Y.M.C.A. #1. It
is a fine building. The
services were not very
well attended considering
the large amount of men
there are. The morning
preaching service was
lead by a Lutheran camp
pastor. Was the best Lutheran
I've heard yet.

I agree with you
when you said I'd be able
to keep us it well only let

him. I've found that out.
 If I didn't have him
 to guide me I'd have
 been like a grass in the
 wind. But one thing is
 sure, he ~~can't~~ ^{won't} help us
 if we don't want him
 to and if we don't believe
 he is able to.

You should see some
 of the men they're sending
 here for domestic service.
 One armed man, man
 without fingers on one
 hand and those who
 are almost blind without
 glasses. Some four feet
 high and others the
 maximum so you see
 they're taking any thing.

Hope all is assigned
 to an overseas unit in
 the near future fits
 my intention to see France.

Well so long with best
 regards to you all
 your true friend
 Earl