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"WITH THE COLORS"

From
Pvt. MACN. E. FRANKLIN
TROOP "K" 3rd CAV.



Mrs Lora Stanley
Otter Creek
Maine



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



I
Camp Devens Mass.

July 1. 1919

Dear Mrs Stanley!

You must pardon me for not writing to you for such a long time, but I have sent two letters to you from Germany right after I sent those German postal cards, and I haven't received a reply on them, so I thought now that I am back in the old U. S. A.

I will drop you a line and see whether I will succeed in obtaining a answer from you, I certainly did appreciate your most welcome letters, when I use to receive them back in France and Germany, and I would be glad to hear from you again. Now I am going to tell you about my trip across.



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Wm. E.
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

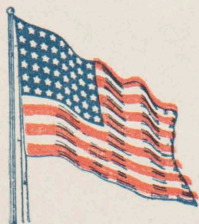
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July 12 1919

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I received your most welcome letter today and, I was certainly glad to hear from you. I am in good health. I hope this will find you the same. I was sorry to learn that your husband was sick for a quite while. I hope he is all right now. As far as being back in the States you can't imagine how glad I am to be back in the old U. S. A. You have ask me in your letter whether ^{Al} is in the Army. I must say that he is more lucky then I am. He is discharged out of the army and enjoying civilian life. I was sorry to learn from your letter that you are working too hard and only making \$1 per day. I hope you will find easier work,



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Wack E. Franklin

[PRIVATE MACK E. FRANKLIN LETTERS]

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