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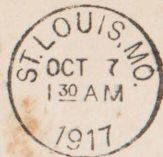
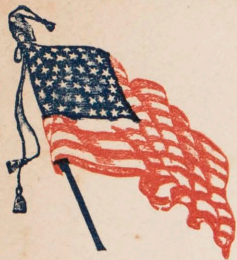
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GENERAL OFFICE

124 EAST 28TH STREET,

NEW YORK, U. S. A.



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Camp Logan Oct. 5, 1917

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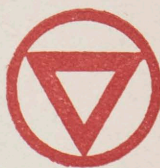
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[[Nick Dante 9/17/2015]]

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