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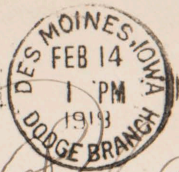
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"WITH THE COLORS"



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NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL

ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS



"WITH THE COLORS"

~~Camp Lodge~~ Feb 1917

January 13 1918

Dear Bros.

Just rec'd your most welcome letter today, and was glad to get it. Love is every body's friend.

I am feeling pretty good just now. I am glad to hear that Carmie will be assigned to the 339th. Because we can be together more often.

and also glad we have a good record at home, with you helping too. We may all be together yet, who can tell.

I got rec'd the cake o.k. and thanks for it. It's very long sight up here. Sorry give cake believe me. I'll have the suit in there.

I am sending my tools home tonight and also my sweater and khaki pants.

I wonder if Ma & Pa can get time to patch my khaki trousers and send them to me. it is all

that I have to wear for work.
 don't want the nicest any
 more. Say if Ma or Papa can
 get time sometime to take some of
 those old khaki trousers that we
 used to work in, at home, and
 make me a pair. all you have
 to do is to split the sides of the
 legs and kind of draw them in
 and then sew on a couple of buttons
 on the ends of the pants. ^{but not a little longer}
 You don't spend too much time
 on them, just one pair would
 help me out a great deal. Bob would
 ask you if you would be much
 trouble for you to send me my
 ball glove, and a few extra ones
 lying around, that we won't
 use any more a change, and also
 my little ball bat that I used to
 use. or if you don't want yours
 any more I'll take that. My
 bat is that short stubby one which
 is hanging in the ^{hanging under}
 the kitchen floor. See we will
 all crazy to play ball here.



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Will you do this for me, either
you or a mine, just anything.
and my dad. just rap them up
good in paper. that will travel
alright. Just as soon as you can
get time with you. I am sending
the price of it. and if it goes over
that I'll make it up when I write
again.

Has Helen Berg asked
yet about me got anything.
don't intend to. I don't write
to a single girl at home. But
I get a card now and then but
don't know where it comes from.
I rec'd one today again, but I don't
know who sent it. Well I don't
want to bother you about the
glove, and hat, but we have more hats
if you will want them, I will
sure be grateful to you. Bob

if you don't get called for awhile,
you want to stay and play ball
all you can. I'm giving you
a tip now. Because you will keep
the season open you reach camp
The weather is fine here now.
I have a helmet so don't send
me any also two sweaters.

Miss But send me about
the best sweaters have ever seen
in camp over 5000s ago. but
forgot to mention it to you.

But I had written Miss
But the same day rec'd it
and thanked her for it. ^{guess}
she got my letter because I ^{was}
heard and more from her.
I'm glad you passed the exam.
but I knew if any body would,
that you would pass to clear
them.

Also hope Valtio gets the
job he is after, and I also hope
he gets that job at Washington.
Well will also thank you
in advance for the candy, but
you folks shouldn't spend so much



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money on me. I am just for a moment
question if Clara should get tired
of sending cake, why a few home-made
pop corn balls wouldn't go bad. But
it's asking a whole lot, at that.
since I have to put her to so much
trouble, because I know that making
my cake or anything like that
isn't so smart. I'll send my
old thing you want, but don't go
to so much expense. I am so
much worried at that. I believe
I have written you too long this
time so maybe I had better
give you a rest. So thanking you
a gain for the things, and wishing
all is well at home. I will
close with my best to you all
and your success. Love.
P.S. Don't forget my horses, they are mine

in need of mending.

P.S. When you send me things
or write to me, just address it
plain Clarence.
Because I feel kind of embarrassed
when you write Private or mechanic
on them, and then, again,
some of the toys look kind of
queer when they see. Just
plain old Clarence I will
do.

Bob, I'm going to wait and
see if you all in the bunch
that come up in Feb. and
if you don't, I am going to my
spoon a dandy fit. I got one
spotted, but I won't send it
yet because if you have to come
I won't do you any good to
have it.

Don't forget the pad and hat
Bob.

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION #66]

[Page 1 – Front of Envelope]

[[Image: Y.M.C.A seal:
inverted red triangle with
“YMCA” printed across
center in black.]]

[[Image: printed text:
“WITH THE COLORS”]]

[[Image: Military circular
postmark stamp with text:
“DES MOINES, IOWA /
DODGE BRANCH” encircling
date: “FEB 14 / 1 PM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Original maroon 3-cent
postage stamp with left-facing
profile of George Washington.]]

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1101 Arch. St.

Burlington Iow[envelope torn]

[Page 2 – Letter]

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Camp Dodge Ia. [[Image: printed “1917”, with an “8” handwritten over the 7]]

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come letter today, and was glad to get
it. How is every body at home.

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And also glad we have a good
second at home, with you passing
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cake o.k. and thanks for it. It’s
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to a single girl at home. But
I get a card now and then but
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know who sent it. Well Bob
I hate to bother you about the
glove and bat but we have none here
so if you will send them, I will
sure be grateful to you. Bob

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if you dont [sic] get called for awhile,
you want to start and play ball
all you can. I'm giving you
a tip now. because you will know
the reason when you reach Camp.

The weather is fine here now.

I have a helmet so dont [sic] send
me any. also two sweaters.

Miss Burt sent me about
the best sweater I have ever seen
in Camp over 5 wks ago. but I
forgot to mention it it to you.

But I had written Miss
Burt the same day I rec'd it
and thanked her for it. I guess
she got my letter because I havent [sic]
heard any more from her.

Am glad you passed the exam.
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that you would pass it clean
thru.

I also hope Vallie gets the
job he is after. and I also hope
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in advance for the candy, but
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Gult.

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over

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