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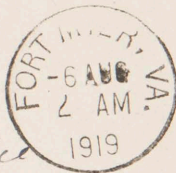
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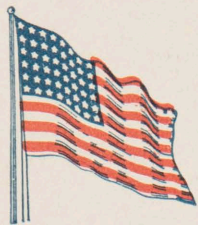
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WAR ACTIVITIES

FROM

1st Lt. Mack E. Franklin
Troop H 3rd Cav.
Fort Myer Va



Mrs Lora W. Stau
#46 Hancock St
Port Harbor Va



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Port Myer Ds
CAMP

August 6 1919

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Dear Mrs Lora W. Stanley!
I received your most welcome letter today and I was certainly glad to hear from you, it was pretty nice of you to send me some clovers in your letter that I received today. You mentioned in your letter about me getting out ~~from~~ from the army and stay out, I would be glad to get out but it seems to me, there is no prospects of getting out, it is 4 years since I enlisted in the army, I was 19 years old when I enlisted, now I am 23 years old, and it seems to me **that** I spend all my life in the army but while I am in it my life don't belong to me, a soldiers life



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Wack. E. Franklin

[PRIVATE MACK E. FRANKLIN LETTER]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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