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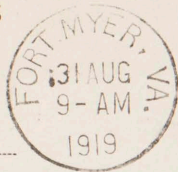
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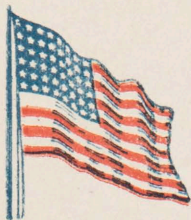
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WAR ACTIVITIES

FROM

Wack. E. Franklin
Troop "K" 3rd Cav.
Fort Myer Va



Mrs. Lora H. Stanley
46 Hancock St.
Port Harbor
Me.



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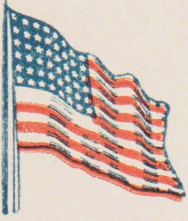


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I August 30 1919

Dear Mrs Lora Stanley!

I received your most welcome letters today, and I was certainly glad to hear from you. I have just returned from a trip to New York, I was sent to escort two military prisoners, they are to be tried for desertion from the army, by a General court-martial. It is very lonesome over here, the same thing every day, there isn't any excitement over here as it was a few weeks ago when we were having "nigger" riots; If this movement will last any longer, I am going out in for a transfer to the Mexican border, where is more excitement and plenty of adventures. The life!



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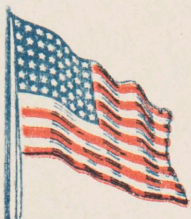


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Yours respectfully

Wack E. Franklin

[PRIVATE MACK E. FRANKLIN LETTER]

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with left facing
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