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"WITH THE COLORS"



Mr Robert Lindstadt,
1101 Arch St.
Burlington Iowa.



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Camp Stevens, Mass.
March 31, 1918.

Dear Bro. & all.

I want to write to you and thank you for the candy and cookies and wrist watch guard.

Say, Rob I was sitting on my bunk and was thinking that some candy or cookies would go pretty good when the Sergeant yells that the mail is in, so I get up and receive the eats from you folks.

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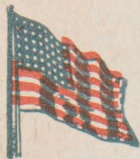
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trip. To begin with I was on guard duty on Friday and that afternoon I was relieved and told to prepare for a long journey. I was taken to the barracks and had to stay there until time to depart. On Friday night I was told to (shake a leg) or get up at 9³⁰ Sat. morning. I sent for Gult and told him that I was going and told him to let you know.

When we were assembled Sat. morning the Lieut. made a nice talk to us and then we marched to the train. We did not get started until 10³⁰ A.M. and about 8⁰⁰ P.M. we crossed the Mississippi into Illinois at Savannah. Sunday morning we arrived at Marion Ohio where we got out and marched.

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great welcome at Marion Ohio.
From Marion we went thru
Ohio + Michigan and stopped at
Detroit where we had dinner with
the Red Cross. Detroit is some city
situated on Lake Erie + Detroit river.
By looking accross the river you
see Canada. After we got on the
train at Detroit the whole train
was run onto a boat and we were
ferried over to Canada at
Pakersville. From there we ran
along Lake Erie for a good many
miles, and believe me it looked
great with those big wakes breaking.
I saw quite a few mallards on
Lake Erie, along the shore. You
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Well Rob I want to say that
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the subject I am glad you got in good with the rich people and though I am far away from home I will do all I can to help you folks at home and believe me when its all over I certainly will come back to stay.

I wrote to Anna Moberg but I have not heard from her yet.

I received a letter from Minnie and Anna so I am going to answer them tonight. Say Rob I wrote to Sis this morning before the mail came in and I was wondering if you got my letters until I received your letter today. Say Rob if you will give Amanda & Ed any address I will be much obliged to you. Amanda don't deserve it but I will let her know where I am at and she

can write if she wants to.

Tell Rob I wish you have all the success in the world and you and Elmer stay home and take care of Ma as long as you can.

I will close for this time with love and good luck to you all.

Your Bro.

W. T. Lindstadt

Company C. 33rd Engineers
Camp Stevens Mass.

P.S. I will always look for mail and if any of the neighbors want to know where I am please give them my address and tell them to write will you Rob?

I am going to write to Minnie and Anna now.

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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[[Image: Military postmark stamp: circular seal with printed “FITCHBURG, MASS. / DEVENS BRANCH” encircling date: “APR 1 / 630 AM / 1918”]]

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

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