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"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington Iowa.

Camp Stevens, Mass.
March 31, 1918.

Dear Folks.

I thought I would drop a few lines, because this being Easter, I don't know of what else to do. We are in quarantine for another week yet which makes it pretty monotonous.

This Camp is not very big, it is only a preparatory camp before going over. Our Company has 300 men which is composed of all mechanics, and are nearly all from Iowa and Minn. We are supposed to do construction work but we go through Infantry drill to be prepared. I might get a good job out of it because they registered me as Superintendent of Construction. I hope we don't stay in this Camp long because there is no place to go and besides I am not acquainted with any one. Day we signed for our payroll the other day but I don't know how soon we will get it.

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When this thing is over I will
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Well Sis as I am out of hot air
I will have to close for this time,
with best regards to all.

Your Bro.

V. T. Lindstadt.

Company C. 33rd Engineers

Camp Devens. Massachusetts.

P.S. I would like to hear from
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WINDSOR CASTLE.

Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many Nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.

The Allies will gain new heart & spirit in your company.

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George R. I.

April 1918.

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: YMCA
seal: inverted red
triangle with print
YMCA across center]]

[[Image: Military postmark stamp:
circular seal with printed “FITCHBURG,
MASS. / DEVENS BRANCH” encircling
date: “APR 10 / 1130 AM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Original maroon
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[Page 4 – Propaganda/Note from King of England (mass-produced)]

[[Image: Coat of Arms of England in red:

Seal of England with a lion on the left and a unicorn on the right,
with the royal crown atop the seal and motto printed in ribbons

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