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TH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa.



"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Stevens, Mass.
April 6, 1918.

Dear Sis—

Just a few lines to tell you that I received your most welcome letter. I was sorry that I did not get to see you at Camp Dodge, but I am glad that you got to see Gult anyhow before he left. I got a letter from Gult the other day and he said that he would beat me to France yet, though I do not know if he will.

Say Sis I received those pills and I am feeling fine again.

I had such a cold in the chest for 2 weeks that my lungs were raw. Some misery believe me, but those pills fixed me up. I want to say that I got paid today,

and it sure came in handy,
because I was broke, I would
not have bothered you folks for
the pills if I would have had
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Say Sis let me know if you
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I am going to have my
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Say Sis will you ask Elmer
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Well Sis I am getting short on things to write about so I will close with love to all and hoping you are all in the best of health.

Over Your Bro.
W. C. Lindstadt.

P.S. Give my regards to Winnie
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Will write to Ralph Moehn
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[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION]

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[Page 2 – Letter]

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