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"WITH THE COLORS"



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108 Eng.'s

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Camp Logan

Houston

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"WITH THE COLORS"



Jan 25

1918

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"Yes."

[[Nick Dante 9/24/15]]

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