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"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa,



"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Stevens, Mass.  
April 29, 1918

Dear Bro. -

Just a few lines to tell you I received the deed and also your letter. Say Rob I will attend to it as soon as possible.

This is Monday and tomorrow we sign the payroll so I will get paid this week some time. I have to wait until I get paid before I can take it to a Notary Public, because I am out of money. I had so much to buy with the little money I had that I had to figure pretty close. Well Rob don't worry, for I will send the deed home as soon as I can, and I don't think that you will have any trouble with Ed or Amanda



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and I will take it to the  
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Dear Sis. -

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In regards to the pictures Sis, I am glad that you think they are good. They were taken in front of the Barracks so I guess it is a good job at that. I am sorry that I could not get more of them, but I could not afford them, because I did not draw much money, and I had so many odds and ends to buy. I have not been any place yet, and there are towns all around this Camp. Well Sis I received the eats and I want to say that you are there when it comes to baking, and I am a million times obliged.



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[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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triangle with print  
YMCA across center]]

[[Image: Military postmark stamp:  
circular seal with printed “FITCHBURG,  
MASS. / DEVENS BRANCH” encircling  
date: “APR 30 / 630 AM / 1918” ]]

[[Image: Original maroon  
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facing profile of George  
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