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"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa.



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Camp Stevens, Mass.
April 30, 1918.

Dear Sis.

Just a few lines to tell you I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. I also received the deed and I will try to have it fixed up as soon as possible and sent home. I just signed the payroll today and will be paid the latter part of the week I think, and when I do get paid I will have the paper fixed up right away. Say Sis I had so many things to get, and I drew so little that I have been without money now for 3 weeks, and I won't borrow no money. You sent the paper at the right time alright for if you would have sent it

Help your Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper. ^{over}

sooner I would have to hold it till now. This is Tuesday and I will be working on the new rifle range the rest of the week, for I am building an observation tower where the officers can view the sham battles that are to be held there. If I get paid before Saturday I will get a pass immediately and fix up the (deed) so don't worry about me.

Tell Minnie, I am a million times obliged to her for giving my address to the Red Cross. I think they are sending \$5.00 to each one that left Burlington.

Say Sis, the name of my commanding officer is —

Captain W. H. George
Company C. 33rd Engineers. Camp
Devens Mass.

I am glad that you received the suitcase alright because I was worried about ^{it} for no one said anything about it till now.



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and I thank you a million times

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but it is plain. Well Sis I am
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Your Bro
V. C. Lindstadt.

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