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"WITH THE COLORS"



Mr. Elmer Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa.



"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Levens Mass.
May 6, 1918

Dear Bro.

Just a few lines to tell you that I received the box of cakes and am sure much obliged to you folks for them. When you get in the Army you can appreciate the sweet stuff because you don't get any unless you buy it.

It sure costs like hell to send stuff this far don't it, and I don't want you to go to too much expense on my account.

Well I suppose I won't miss it far if I say that we will be out of here in 2 weeks. There are 3 Companies going Saturday and we will be next. Say Al. they

pick out 50 men out of each Company who are the best with the rifle, so I will be one of these. The rest will carry pistols. I suppose we will have some stiff work ahead of us because we are constructing Engrs. and will be put where most needed. The gun drill we have is for an emergency, for if Fritz gets to gay we will be able to handle him.

I suppose there is quite a bit of work now. I wonder if Jack Gillies is living yet, for I wrote him but he did not answer, and I wouldn't have written him if he didn't want me to. He's a funny cuss.

I heard from Ed and he still tells me how nice it is in Cal. I guess he is trying rub it in because that is all he writes about.

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Write Soon. V. T. Lindstadt.

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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triangle with print
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[[Image: Military postmark stamp:
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date: “MAY 7 / 630 AM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Original maroon
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[Page 2 – Letter]

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