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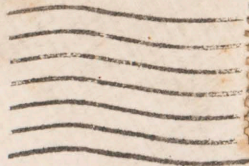
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Camp Merritt Apr 28 1918

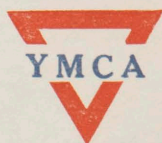
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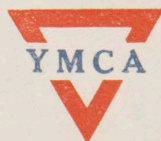
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We received a royal welcome on the trip here especially in the east. As our train passed, men uncovered & women waved & clapped. We had ferns on the train & all conveniences & had a very pleasant



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I dropped you a couple postals from the train & trust you received them OK.

No farther news I will close with love hoping to hear from you soon.  
Yves



Here is another film  
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[[Nick Dante 9/28/15]]

[Diedrich Correspondence #34]

[[Page 1-Envelope]]

[[image – purple U.S. postage 3 cents stamp of  
President Washington facing left]]

[[image – black stamp JERSEY CITY, N.J.;  
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Mrs. N. Diedrich  
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From W. Diedrich  
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108 Eng's  
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N.J.

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