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"WITH THE COLORS"

Wesley Driedrich
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A.E.F.

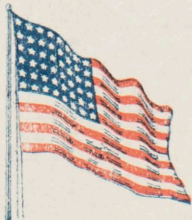
Soldier Letter



Mrs W Driedrich
6-9-108 Glenwood Ave
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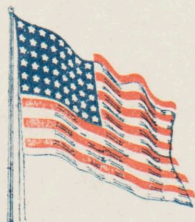
May 4

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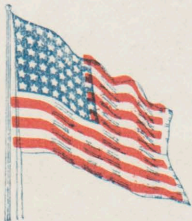
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Well folks as I have told you about all I know I will close with love
"Yes"

P.S. Don't worry about the trip across as we will be amply protected

[[Nick Dante 9/29/15]]

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POSTAL SERVICE; MAY 22nd]]

Mrs. N. Diedrich
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108th Engr's

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