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Varnie (V.T.) T. Lindstadt

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"WITH THE COLORS"



Mr Elmer Lindstadt.  
1101 Arch St.  
Burlington Iowa.



"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Stevens Mass.  
May 24, 1918.

Dear Bro.

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I told Rob in the last letter, not to write, but you folks can write right along for if I am not here the mail will reach me anyhow.

How is everything now? I suppose there is plenty of work now. I suppose you and Rob are catching some fish now. Say if I ever get the chance to fish and hunt back there again, I sure will live on the River.



You don't see any big streams over here, like in the West, and what ponds there are haven't got anything in them. This State is sure some wet, but only for Civilians. If they catch a soldier taking a drink they sure would fix him. I sure am in with a fine bunch of men, from all parts of the U. S., but mostly from the West, and are all raring to go.

Well to change the subject, the only thing I can say is the same thing, that is, drilling and hiking, and I hope I will be able to write something worth reading some day. Well old scout, save some of them ducks for me and don't clean em all out until I get back.

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[Page 1 – Envelope]

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inverted red triangle with  
“YMCA” printed across center]]

[[Image: Military postmark:  
Circular stamp with print  
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“May 24 / 2 30PM / 1918” ]]

[[Image: Original  
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George Washington]]

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[[Image: Flying American flag]]

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