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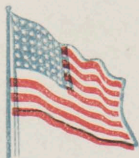
"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa.



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Stevens, Mass.
June 24, 1918.

Dear Sis,

I presume you will be surprised if I tell you I will be on my way to France in 2 or 3 days.

We got our orders so the Colonel gave us permission to notify our relatives, so I am writing you these few lines now, and Sis I want to thank you for all the things you have sent me and for every thing you have done for me when I was home. There is lots of things Sis that a person does not appreciate when home, because they are too doggone crabby, I've been that way, but I want to say Sis that I have learned the lesson, and I never would have learned

To the Writer: Save by Writing on Both Sides of this Paper.

To the Folks at Home: Save Food, Buy Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps.

if I had not went to the Army.

The Army has done me a world of good and will sure make you or break you, that is up to the individual himself. After this thing is over, them that come back will be real men, because it will take good men to finish the Slutch, but no one has any doubts, but what the Yanks are going to make a cleaning (over there). To change the subject I presume we will go to New York and embark for France but I don't know, in fact we don't know from what port we will sail.

I want to say Sis that the cake and candy was great and I want to thank you for it.

I will miss your baking on the other side but believe me I will think about it anyhow. Well Sis as news is scarce, I will close with love to all, hoping all are well.

Love to all. Your Bro.
P.S. Give my best V.T. Lindstadt.
regards to all our best neighbors.
(Till May 10,)
(Keep a stiff upper lip till we)
get the Kaiser.

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

July 28th, 1918.

Dear Pro.

Just a few lines to tell you I am somewhere in France and am in the best of health. I want to say that the surrounding country resembles that of Iowa only the farms are small. The climate is pretty much like that of Iowa, though it has been raining considerable the last couple weeks. We are in barracks now, and is almost like back in the States. It is hard for me to realize that I am so far away from home because the country here is so much like back home.

There is quite a scarcity

of water here, for washing purposes though we have enough good drinking water. The people here, do not drink much water for the National drink seems to be wine. The people here wear wooden shoes and they are sure wonders the way they get around with them. Well to

change the subject I suppose that the building business is pretty fair now, back home, and is more steady. Say, I wonder if Bob has gone to Camp yet, and I would like to know, when you answer this letter.

I have not located Clarence yet, though I am hoping that I will run across him soon.

I suppose you have heard from him lately? Well, Elmer I am short on news, that I am allowed to write about, but I hope, will see you all again

some day, and I can tell you of the great sights I have seen, so I will close with my best regards to all.

Your Bro.

Port. V. T. Lindstadt.

Co. C. 33rd Engineers.

American C. F.

P. S. - Write Soon.

Give my regards to the rest of the bunch and also Mr. Moehn.

O. F. Stone
Jacob Stone Jr. F. C.
Tot. St. C. Jr.

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[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Seal of the YMCA:
inverted red triangle with
“YMCA” printed across center]]

[[Image: printed
“ [“W]ITH THE COLORS” ”]]

[[Image: Military postmark:
Circular stamp with print
“FITCHBURG / MASS / DEVENS
BRANCH” circling date:
“Jun 28 / 2 30PM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Original
maroon 3-cent post
stamp with left-facing
George Washington]]

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[Page 2 – Letter]

[[Image: Flying
American flag]]

[[Image: Printed Text, centered:
“ WAR WORK COUNCIL
ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
“WITH THE COLORS” ”]]

[[Image: Seal of the
YMCA: inverted red
triangle in a circle]]

June 28, 1918 [[Image: printed “1917,” crossed out]]
Camp Devens, Mass.

Dear Sis.

Just a few lines to tell you that I am leaving for Overseas
today and so I would not write
any more until you hear from me.

I hope I can run in to Gult
when I get there, for I am going
to look him up if I get the
chance. We will have some long
trip I presume, but it sure will
be some experience.

Well Sis I will say goodbye
to all you folks, so keep the home
fires burning until I and Gult
return.

With love to all

Your Bro.

V.T. Lindstadt.

P.S. Give the neighbors my best
regards.