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LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt  
1101 Arch St.  
Burlington,  
Iowa.



THE  
LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD  
OF AMERICA

"WITH THE COLORS"



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Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1918  
Camp Pike, Ark.

Dear Clara,

I received your letter yesterday evening and was sure glad to hear from you. I am well and the same as I was in Burlington. This life has not made me any different, only that I think that I never knew what a good state I lived in until I came here. I hope that you are holding up, the same with your mother under these times and conditions, and keeping well. It is hot here the same as they have been having it in Iowa now lately, it is so hot here now that I am afraid that the sweat will drop on the writing paper. I have now moved and I have turned back my rifle and my pack, so that now I don't know what they will give me next.



We have been drilling hard with our rifles and full packs for two weeks and taking hikes so I don't know what it means since they have changed us like this. We are now in a barracks filled with railroad men and auto mechanics, so that I will probably be put in with some of them. When we came here we didn't get such a good dinner but they didn't expect us and the meals have improved so that now it is comparatively good, but not as good as I have been used to since I began drilling. They are not as strict with us here as they were at the other place but we may get it later. It is a wonder they haven't anyone permanent to take my place but Mr. Poisel may work his boy into it. I am glad to hear that Clarence thinks that the war won't last long. I wish myself back and everyone else back at their civil work, but there is only one





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