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"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Clara Lindstadt  
1101 Arch St.,  
Burlington  
Iowa

Ans. to R. L. Lindstadt  
Co. F, 116<sup>th</sup> Convention Train  
Camp Det  
N. Y.





(1)  
ARMY AND NAVY  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
"WITH THE COLORS"



Camp Dix, New Jersey  
Feb. 24 - 1919

Dear Sir:

I suppose you will be surprised to hear that I am back in the U. S. A. again. I expected to stay in France at least six months because I was in a labor battalion the last three weeks I was there. They wanted to hold me there a couple of years they say, they talked to build up the country but I told them I wasn't well enough to stay so they put me in a company and shipped <sup>me</sup> over. I came over as a part of the Sunset division on the U. S. battleship Kansas. Uncle Sam has got a fleet of battleships at Brest to carry the American



soldiers back home. The conditions in the embarkation camps especially Brest and St. Nazaire are terrible. I've been at both places. I've worked from 8 o'clock in the morning till 12 o'clock in the night (on Sundays too) in a blinding rain and sleet and mud a foot deep. I had wet feet every day for nearly a month and never knew what a fire felt like. It certainly was a fight. The infantry ~~are~~ the fighting branch of the service and the dogs of the army. I hope I'll get out and I'll embark from a better camp than what I did.

Well Sir I am sending <sup>up</sup> home a package of souvenirs that I want you to lock up in my desk. Some of it are photos from England and France and also jewels and money ~~things~~ from both places too. I'll make you a ring out of a piece of coin that I got in France. The best watch





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ARMY AND NAVY  
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"WITH THE COLORS"



is yours ~~size~~ if you want it and  
the brooch is ~~Y.M.C.A.~~. I got the  
brooch at Christchurch, England.  
The city is named Christ-  
church, because the Lord helped  
the carpenters out in building  
~~the~~ a church there. I'll tell  
you the story when I get back <sup>home</sup>.  
Some of the ~~stuff~~ <sup>stuff</sup> I sent ~~in~~ a  
keef sake from the pretty nurse  
that did so much for me when  
I was sick. She made it possible  
for me to return home again.

I may be on my  
way to Camp Dodge <sup>in</sup> a few  
days and from there I'll go  
home. I wished you could have  
seen the reception <sup>we</sup> got in New  
York. I'll never forget it. I hope  
that Halbe and Galt will  
come to New York. I think  
they'll be home soon because  
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trip. You will see how we spent  
our time by the photos I have  
sent. Sir don't forget to give  
the papers and souvenirs for me  
I prize them highly. Did you  
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Your brother,  
Robert.

My address } Co. D, 116th Ammunition Train  
Camp Dix  
New Jersey.



[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION #63]

[Page 1 – Front of Envelope]

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inverted red triangle with  
“YMCA” printed across  
center in black.]]

[[Image: printed text:  
“WITH THE COLORS”]]

[[Image: 3 original green 1-cent postal stamps, each  
placed such that George Washington profiles face up.  
Postmark stamp overlays left-most stamp, with text:  
“WRIGHTSTOWN / F[E]B 2[6]”]]

Miss Clara Linstadt

1101 Arch St.

Burlington

Iowa

[Page 2 – Back of envelope]

[[written along right short edge:]]

Prv't. R. G. Lindstadt

Co D, 116 th Amunition *[sic]* train

Camp Dix

N.J.



[Page 3 – Letter]

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