



"WITH THE COLORS"



4/11/18

Dear Mother:

I took off civilian clothes today for I do not know how long, and expressed them to Dunmore Station. They will probably stop at Hackneys. I was enlisted today. We had our examination yesterday, <sup>and</sup> I passed a very good examination, although I am not positive that my discharge may possibly mean limited military service. Yesterday and today have been very strenuous days.

HELP YOUR COUNTRY BY SAVING. WRITE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER.



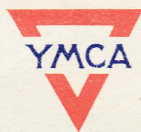
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I came to Columbus  
on a train that left  
Pittsburgh at 5:35, P.  
M. <sup>Tuesday,</sup> and got into  
Columbus about 10:30  
Central time. I  
stayed at a hotel  
until morning as  
I did not imagine  
the Barracks would  
be very pleasant that  
night. It was snow-  
ing yesterday morn-  
ing when I awoke,  
making the day  
more disagreeable  
than usual for a  
physical examina-  
tion. I was very  
fortunate. I got here  
between seven and  
eight and was  
called for examination  
just after lunch.

We took out in-  
surance this morn-



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ing. I took out to the limit - \$10,000<sup>00</sup>. I thought that if I should die or be killed, I might as well be worth something to somebody. That, however, is probably much in excess of my actual value. I took it out in your name. I suppose you will have no objection to my having it transferred to my wife should I get married. You see I also thought that might be some in-



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document to some  
woman to marry me.

I do not know  
yet when we will  
be sent back to Pitte-  
burgh. I do not  
imagine they will  
keep us here long.

Thus far, they  
have been unable  
to fit me in shoes.  
They have them  
long enough, but  
about three or  
four sizes too large  
in width. Uncle  
Sam did not know  
I would go into  
the army again  
after turning  
me down on my  
feet once.

Have met some  
fine fellows here.  
And to see the  
crowd you would



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think, enough to  
lick the Kaiser them-  
selves.

Well, it is 8:30  
and the lights go  
out at 9:00. I must  
close and get over  
to the Barracks.  
I am now at the  
Y. M. C. A.

Good-night  
Your son,  
Guy.

12<sup>th</sup> Company,  
Columbus Barracks,  
Columbus, Ohio.