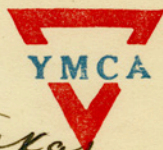




WITH THE COLORS "



Houston, Texas,

May 28, 1918.

Prof. W. J. Bray  
Sikeville, Mo.

Dear Friend and Instructor:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 25th and thank you for the highly complimentary statement which it contained. Am hoping for advancement and no doubt your letter of recommendation will go far in my efforts to obtain it.

I receive the 'Index' regularly and am always eager to know how things are going in the





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I have now been in the service thirteen months and have grown accustomed to this sort of life - but would not choose it in preference to civilian life, back in 'Old Missouri'.

I have been connected with post hospitals during my entire enlistment, so far, - so am pretty well up on hospital work.

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place of the mosquito - at least that part of it around this field. The work of combating them comes under the duties of the medical department.

I have charge of a detail and oil-truck, whose duty is to search out and cover with crude oil all of the ponds and pools of water and such like breeding places of the mosquito, for several miles around the camp.

We ride over the plains all day long and get plenty of fresh air and sunshine with emphasis on the sunshine.



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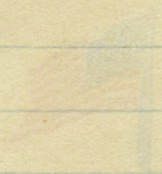
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We don't mind that, however, for our long sojourn in Texas has toughened and tanned us like the rest of the natives.

Don't think that army life is all work and no play, indeed the government with the aid of the Y. M. C. A. is taking special pains to provide the soldier with amusement and recreation.

We have a Y. M. C. A. and Enlisted Men's Club which provide some sort of entertainment every night movies lectures local talent etc. The Y. M. C. A. has control of athletic contests also, at present the 'national game'



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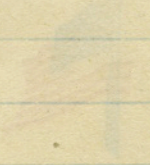
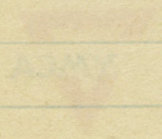
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is causing many stiff  
battles between the sixteen  
base ball teams of the post  
- object post championships.  
The 'jill-rollers' have a  
team and are in the thick  
of it.

Will close and go 'oiling'  
sincerely,  
George P. Bailey.

12:30 P.M.



FROM THE COLONY

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