



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



Oct, 6, 1918

Great James, Ill.

Dear mother I will drop you  
a few lines this evening how  
is every body down there well  
I hope I am feeling fine  
I am still in the sick bay  
but I am well only I am just  
weak think I will get out  
the first of the week and  
go back to my barracks but  
I will get a light duty slip  
for 4 days and wont be to  
do much but I have a lot of  
dirty clothes I will beft  
to wash when I get out well  
my fever has been normal for  
a week or more but when I  
come in here it was 104 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 104 for  
several days and my head felt  
like it would burst open well

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I got your card to day and one from Lillie and also the box sure was glad to get it I havent looked down in the bottom yet just looked on top and eat to pieces of chicken and two moppers I am afraid to eat to much of it but I wont let it spoil I will give it away before it spoils I open it up an air it out tonight they are in here with the milk now you know I wouldnt drink milk when I was at home since I have bin in here I got so I drink it and it is good to they bring it every day it recents a pint 14 cents a quart I genarly drink a quart does me more good than all I have to eat the you C a brings it to us and

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They bring us oranges about  
 every other day and a piece  
 and we are glad when they come  
 to the house. The oranges come  
 and come every Sunday morning  
 and make me a talk and every  
 day. I am at it to well,  
 and I love for this time  
 to come from you  
 Love,  
 Son, Ray.

P.S.

My DADDY WAS IN WORLD WAR I  
 IN THE NAVY. HE WENT TO BREAST, FRANCE  
 TWICE. JOHN RAY EDMUNDS 8-19-1896 -  
 1-5-1978. I WROTE TO WASHINGTON D.C.  
 MANY YEARS AGO + THEY SENT ME A PICTURE  
 OF THE SHIP DADDY WENT OVER ON -  
 THE DEKALAB. WE HAD IT FRAMED + IT  
 HUNG IN THE LIVING ROOM. MOTHER -  
 JOSIE FURLOW EDMUNDS DIED 1-3-2007 AT  
 AGE 101. SHE HAD HER GOOD MIND + LIVED  
 AT HOME UNTIL LAST NOV. SHE LIVED AT  
 MAMMOTH CAVE TIL SHE WAS 8 YRS OLD.  
 SHE HAD MANY INTERESTING STORIES TO  
 TELL. SHE LOVED MAMMOTH CAVE AS WE  
 ALL DID