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## Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, January 17, 1918

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"WITH THE COLORS"



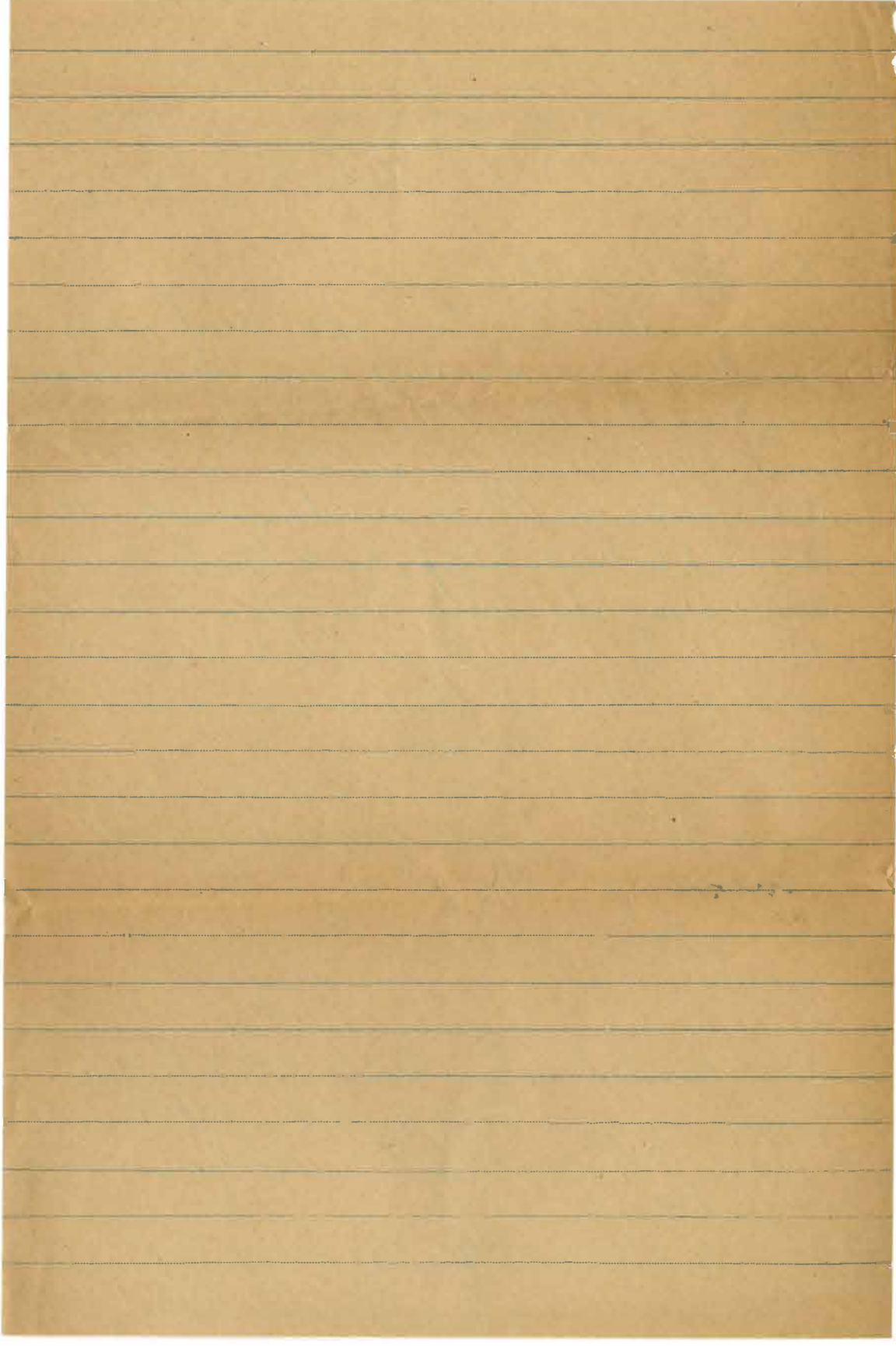
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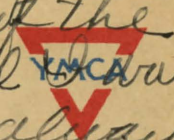
Dearest Valentine:-

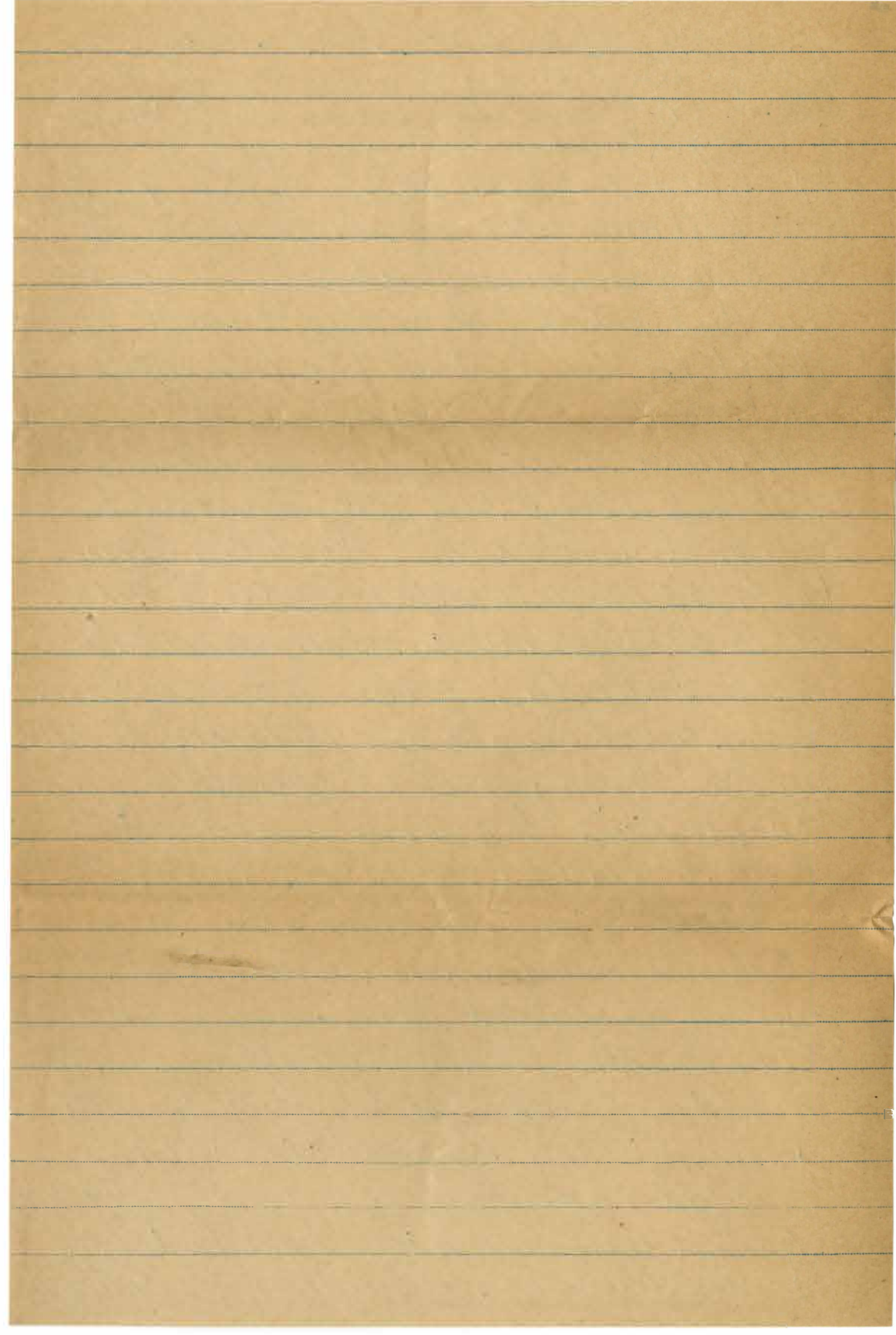
Another day gone and not a letter yet from any home friends or relatives. The only letter I have received since Sun. was from Luther and that was written the 11<sup>th</sup> or six days ago. He seemed to be as happy as a lark. Our mail from the North has been held up owing to snowbound trains and cold weather so they say. Some of the boys in my barracks have not received a mail from Chicago for five days so I am not the only one that is looking for (state) mail. Ha!

How are u. this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. ? I must admit I am somewhat tired. Fifty of our Company this day unloaded and corded 4 car-loads of wood. You can't imagine how much wood one of those box-cars hold until you once handle it.

We all had quite a lot of fun



however. They call this fatigue  
duty. Did I say I was one of the  
50? "WITH THE COLORS" Will  was.  
men on fatigue are always  
fed before the other so at dinner  
one fellow who tho' he would  
be smart just dropped in with  
us and said "I guess I will not  
wait for the rest of the company"  
Before we sat down to the table the  
roll was called. Fifty-one were of  
course present and the Sergeant  
laughed and said "We have been  
looking for an extra man to help."  
And so this extra man spent the  
rest of the day in the box car hand-  
ling wood. Quite an object of kidding  
was he. Everyone had something to  
say to him. Everyone wanted to  
know how he liked his dinner and  
everything else that. He took  
the kidding like a man and al-  
ways laughed. His name was  
Hendricks. Will I shall never for-  
get Hendricks and his half day on  
the woodpile. Four other men  
slipped away but were caught and  
given one week in the kitchen  
so we had a great deal to laugh



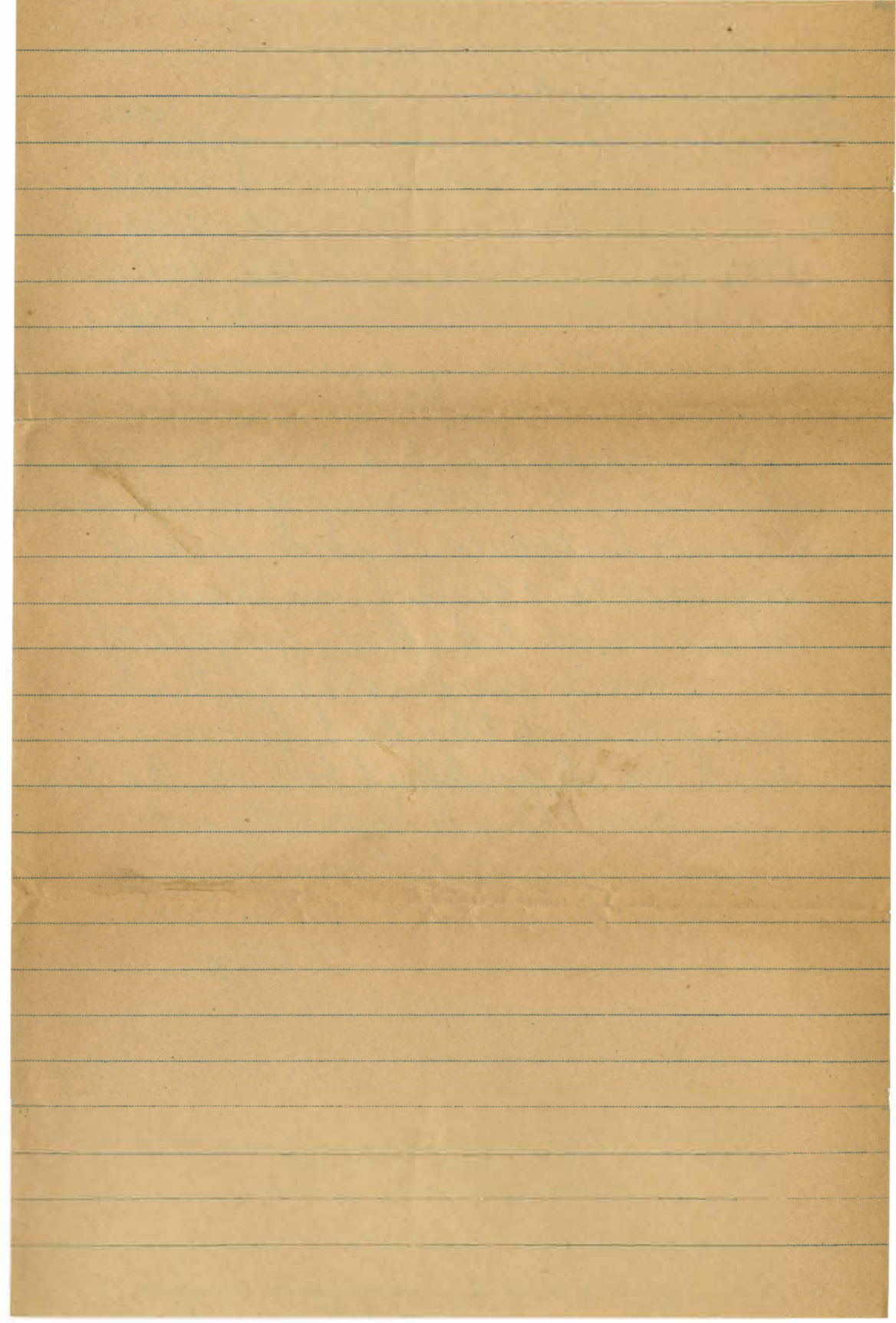
at. For a week now we shall have  
the fun of bidding these four  
men when we go to our  
meals. I never laughed so  
much since I have been with  
U.S. as I have today. It was al-  
most as humorous as the joke on  
U about Lowary's canine. Ha!

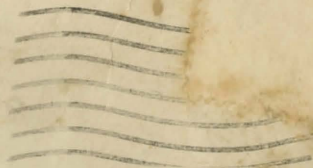
How is Lowary anyway? are  
there any more Fites in town?

I saw L. G. this eve and he  
seemed O.K. Tell any of my friends  
about Sulphur that I would  
appreciate a line from them. Of  
course not like I do your letters

Well my dear I am tired  
enough to hit the bed for once  
and be thankful for it. As ever

Yours Dixie Swarthearst  
Faithful and True  
Wm  
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From

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