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"WITH THE COLORS"



Mrs. Elmo J. Culbert,
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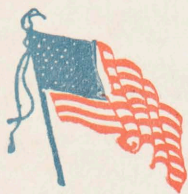
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With all my love,
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