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DES MOINES, IOWA

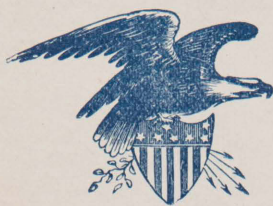
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for Men in
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Davenport,
Ia.

Clarence Lindstadt
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Camp Dodge
Iowa.

U. S. A.



ADDRESS ME

Co. Reg.

ARMY DEPARTMENT
IOWA Y. M. C. A.HEADQUARTERS:
Y. M. C. A. BUILDING DES MOINES

Camp Dodge IOWA
Sept. 12 1917

Dear Dorothy, I received your most welcome letter, this afternoon, and want to tell you that I was certainly overjoyed to hear from you.

I am feeling very good, and you tell me in your letter, that everybody at your place is in the best of health. I sure am glad to hear it.

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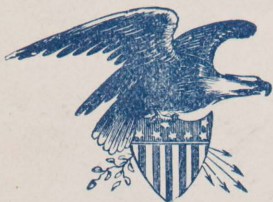
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This is our present day program.

U. S. A.

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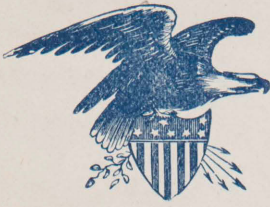
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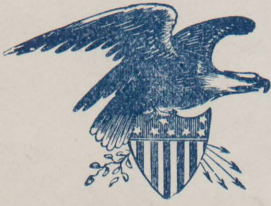
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Your
Yuck Clarence

My address is
Clarence Lindstadt
Sup. Co. 339th I. C.
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P.S. You be sure and write soon.

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[CLARENCE LINDSTADT (HORNBERGER COLLECTION) LETTER]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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Camp Dodge
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[Page 3 – Letter]

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“HENRY C WALLACE, CHM’N WAR WORK COUNCIL

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[next line:] “U. S. A.”

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Your.

Uncle Clarence

My address is.

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PS. Now be sure and write soon.

[[written at an angle in the bottom left corner of the page]]

Isn't the writing terrible

I'm almost ashamed

of myself.

I'll do better

next

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