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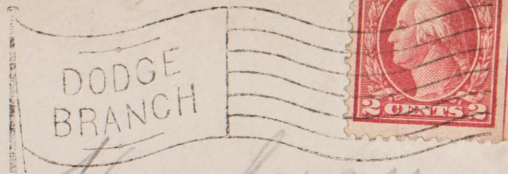
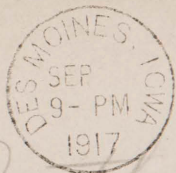
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Miss Dorothy Homberger
1022 E. 13th St.
Havenport
Iowa

Supply Co. 339 1/2 St. A.

Camp Dodge La.
Sept. 20, 1917

Dear Dorothy.

I want to thank you
profusely for that dandy letter
you have written me.

You sure are an interest-
ing writer. How are you
now? I also read the
magazines your folks sent
me and I feel that I
don't deserve such fine
treatment. Your girls are
treating me to good.

These books sure contain
some very interesting stories.
So far I have not read
my 'shot' but will read

it is the future.

Listen Dot, when I get a chance to have my picture taken, I send it right away, but I'll bet you won't recognize me in my new outfit.

I hope we leave for France pretty soon, I'm getting anxious.

I have read your letter twice, because it was so interesting, especially your adventures.

That was quite a time you had Dot.

Say, isn't it aggravating

for a girl, when a nice
farmer boy gets infatuated
with you.

Worthy I don't blame
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And I'm afraid I'm
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Worthy I'm only kidding
God goodness sake I
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tricts afflicted with infarcts
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I forgot to mention
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And if you let the farmer
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I had started your letter
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24 hrs. from 6 O'clock last
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So I had to start your
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Say but that sure is ^{right}
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to guard a bunch of
barracks arrayed out in
No Man's Land or the
country that God forgot.

Yes, but it was so
dark, that a ton of coal
would look like a bed
sheet beside this dark
place. And believe me
I was tired and glad
when we were relieved.

If there is any time
a man needs a friend or
feels like no one cares
for him, is when a man
is on guard, even if he could
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a while, it would relieve

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Listen to this Plot. Every body in my Company has been issued an overcoat but me, and so last night when I was called out for guard, I asked the Captain for an overcoat and he said that I would not need one just now, because he would not let me go on guard any more, because I was a first class mechanic and didn't have to do that work. Isn't that some encouragement?

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Your very truly
 Anne,
 Clarence.

[CLARENCE LINDSTADT (HORNBERGER COLLECTION) LETTER]

[Page 1 – envelope]

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with printed “DES MOINES, IOWA” encircling
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