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## 1917-10-01, Clarence to Dorothy

Clarence Lindstadt

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"WITH THE COLORS"

Camp Dodge A. 1917

Dear Marg:

First, I must thank you very, very kindly for the delicious candy. Say piece, that sure was appreciated, and I want to say that I still can taste it.

You know I think its times sometimes up here, when sometimes I receive your letters, and candy, and things to eat, from home. Its well for us that we are enjoying our times now because I think we will never spend Dec. 25, up here.

I received your last letter Sunday, and I also received Amanda's card Saturday.

Say Marg. Amanda stated that she was sending a package to me. So far it has not arrived. Was it the candy

that she meant, or was it another package! The reason I ask is because so many packages go astray.

How are you all at Nav. To be honest I'm feeling great just now. Saturday afternoon I received my vaccination and "shot in the arm" or inoculation. It never phozed me. The first time our company was inoculated the boys dropped like leaves, fainting dead away, and then after that, the same was a sick bunch. I did not receive my shot when they did, so mine came Saturday. As soon as I received the shot, I dressed and took the "over" way to Des. Mines, and forgot that I ever received it.

For Mary. I'll explain about those stamps. I only received them I bought stamps here,



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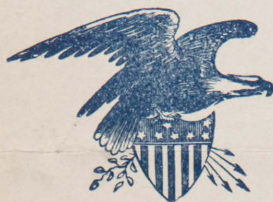
I had no place to put them, so in my haste I put them in an envelope for safe keeping and when I wrote to Hot. that night I put her letter in my stamp envelope, and when I came to stamp her letter, I could not make out what become of my stamps. It was at night when I wrote her and that's how I did not notice the stamps in the envelope. Tell her I'll be more careful with my stamps next time. Ha. Ha. You please tell her it was all a mistake and that I'm very very sorry that I had done it. Because it really looks like I meant some thing by it. But don't forget

that I love my nieces so well  
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The weather has been ideal  
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U. S. A.



ADDRESS ME

ARMY DEPARTMENT  
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Y. M. C. A. BUILDING DES MOINES

"Clean speech and clean  
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Co. .... Reg. ....

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and might add, his happiest  
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We have been issued almost  
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we will get 2 of each things, such  
as shirts, shoes, hats ect.

We received tents today, and  
by that I have an idea we  
will leave here very shortly.

I will let you know when I can  
come to Har.

So now I must close this letter  
before lights go out. but I must  
thank you all again, for the fine  
cards, and now please all of you  
write to me when ever possible  
and I shall strive to answer promptly  
so I will wish you all the best  
of health, with my best regards  
to all.

Your  
Soldier Uncle.  
Clarence.

Tell Dorthy not to get mad at  
her old uncle. Ha Ha.

Good night girls, dont  
study to hard.



[CLARENCE LINDSTADT (HORNBERGER COLLECTION) LETTER]

[Page 1 – Letter]

[[Image: start HEADER 1 (hereafter “HEADER 1”):]]

[image: Flying American Flag] [print text: “NATIONAL WAR COUNCIL  
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“WITH THE COLORS”]

[[end HEADER 1]]

Camp Dodge Oct 1 [[image: printed 1917]]

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“HENRY C WALLACE, CHM’N WAR WORK COUNCIL  
GRANT MCPHERRIN, TREASURER  
W. M. PARSONS, STATE SECRETARY”

[next line:] “U. S. A.”  
[image: Soaring Eagle atop stars-and-stripes shield with olive branches and arrows]  
[print type:] “ADDRESS ME”  
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