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Clarence Lindstadt

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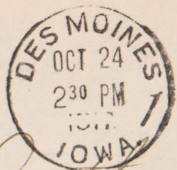
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Miss Dorothy Tomberger

1022 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Davenport

Iowa

October 23, 1917

Camp Dodge

My Dear Ruth,

Have now time to answer your most welcome letter. Now is everybody at home by this time. I received another shot so last Friday and came out with colds flying. We were marching and drilling hard all last week so as to be ready for the parade Saturday night at Des Moines in honor of Pres. Taft the 20th which was last Saturday. We had a good time, and the parade



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also help us to get away  
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to the Govt

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Sister Dorothy, don't let Elmer  
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I don't miss him. He is  
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I write again.

Claude  
love.

Your uncle "Sammy"



[CLARENCE LINDSTADT (HORNBERGER COLLECTION) LETTER]

[Page 1 – envelope]

[[Image: Original military post stamp: circular seal with print “DES MOINES, IOWA” encircling date: “OCT 24 / 230 PM / [1917]” ]]

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