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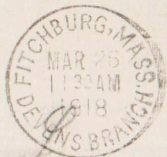
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Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Ia.

If not delivered in
10 days return to
F. L. Lindetadt.

Cos. E. 33rd Engineers
Camp Devens
Mass.

Camp Stevens Mass.
March 26, 1918.

Dear Folks.

Just a few lines to tell you that I am in Camp Stevens, Massachusetts, arriving here on Monday night, being 3 days on the road. I am surely disappointed that I could not get home on a furlough before I left, so I know I won't get home now until it is over (over there). We had some long trip and we went through Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Canada, New York and Mass. I would not give one square yd of Iowa land for all these States. Iowa is surely God's Country. We went through Chicago and stopped at Detroit where we had dinner from the Red Cross. From Detroit the train was ferried across the river to Canada to a town called Balzersville. From here we traveled along Lake Erie and believe me that is some Lake. There was waves 15 ft high on it. At Binghamton N. Y. we got out and marched or in other
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We are about 40 miles from the coast and the air is pretty chilly here yet, but I am dressed for it.

Say Sis, you know the cake you sent me? I gave it to Clarence before I left because I had so much to carry, I could not take it with me. I surely could have ate ten cakes if I would have had them on the train and I wish I could have taken it with me. I am a million times obliged to you folks for the things you have sent me before, and I surely could use that stuff now if I had it.

If any body in Burlington wants to send me anything like eats or smoking give them my address and tell them to make it snappy.

I would buy things here like candy and things but you have to be a millionaire to eat that stuff.

They charged some of the boys 60 cts for one pie when on the train and candy what you get for 5 cts in Burl. costs about 15 cts what do you

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know about that. We are placed
in quarantine for 2 weeks now
and I know we won't move
any more for a while at least.

Tell Marty please to write
to me or anybody from Burlington
and tell them to write quick.

Well Sis I guess I will
close for this time hoping that
all are well at home and every
thing is going right.

Your Brother
V. F. Lindstadt.

Address. Mr V. Lindstadt.
Company E.
33rd Engineers
Camp Stevens. Mass.

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[Page 1 – Envelope (front)]

[[Image: Military postmark stamp:
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