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1917-05-03, Clarence to Dorothy

Clarence Lindstadt

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Iowa

Co. C. 304 Engineers



CAMP GORDON

ATLANTA, GA.

Camp Gordon
Ga
Mar 3 1918

Dear Dorothy
Please forgive your old neg-
lectful uncle for not writing to you sooner
I've been on his side after his, and this
is mostly done at night, too when I should
be writing you letters. I love all you and
the folks. I am still feeling fine. I
got your letter and she sent me a pipe
box of cigarettes. I received it today. Believe
me I do want to thank you so much
for it. Because it means so much to
me down here. I am going to write
to you another in the morning, but
please thank her for me.

Your letters & letters are so interesting, &
often we read them to pass around some
of the spare moments. I get good when
your pictures were fine I hope that
we especially notice you are taking them
the cedar tree. I'm going to take it across
the pond with me, so it should happen
to get acquainted with some Church Ladies

I will show them that they have to come
to beat our girls for looks, special this one
now don't push it. I mean it. No
wonder the photographer was trying to make
a hit with you. Well I guess you will be
glad when school is out & you'll get
what's all steady going for. I wish you could
have seen some of the beautiful places we have
seen on our hikes. Yesterday noon we started
on a hike, which lasted all day, and at night
about 10 PM to 11 PM we had a very wet
sharp battle in the forest & then fields. It
was dark, could not see anything, but when
the enemy fired on us they then saw a change
over the top. He routed the enemy, good order.

I never slept a wink in the last 24 hrs. & it
awfully damp & cold at night & the stars & stars
in the daylight. I've all packed up & gone
dull & tired. Well, I'll be right with
you about, I must close. Don't you give
up & give more often after this, when the drilling
lets up. You hope you are all well & happy
at your home & tell the folks I said Hello, and
you please, tell your Ma I'm going to try & see
her soon. Thank her again for me. With best
regards & lots of love.

Don't know to heat of midwife's
sudden demise. He was
was a very pretty cat.

Your uncle
Lawrence

Sell Marg.
& the folks
Hello.

[CLARENCE LINDSTADT (HORNBERGER COLLECTION) LETTER]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Original military post stamp: circular seal with print “ATLANTA, GA. / GORDON BRANCH” encircling date: “MAY [?] / 9 AM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Original 3-cent brown post stamp, with left-facing profile of George Washington]]

Miss Dor[othy] [obscured by postal stamp] Hornberger

1022 E 13th St.

Davenport.

Iowa

[Page 2 – Back of Envelope]

[written at a 30-degree angle downward from top of envelope, in Censor's hand:]

Co.C. 307 Engineers

[[Image: Two American flags, staves crossed and banners tied in the center of the cross, centered on seal flap above printed text:

CAMP GORDON

ATLANTA, GA.]]

[Page 3 – Letter]

Camp Gordon

Atlanta Ga

May 3 1918

Dear Dorothy

Please forgive your old neglectful uncle for not writing to you sooner.

Ive [sic] been on hike after hike, and this is mostly done at night too when I should be ans. my letters. How are you and the folks. I am still feeling fine. Say Dot. your mother sure sent me a fine box of candy. I received it today, believe me Dot. I want to thank you so much for it. because it means so much to me down here. I am going to write to your mother in the morning, but please thank her for me

Your letters [&] her's [sic] are so interesting, [&] I often re-read them to pass away some of the spare moments I get now [&] then

Your pictures were fine Dot. [&] that one especially, where you are looking thru [sic] the cedar tree. I'm going to take it across the pond with me, so if I should happen to get acquainted with some French lad[ies?]

[Page 4 – Letter continued]

I will show them that they have to go some to beat our girls for looks, especial [sic] this one now don't blush Dot. I mean it. No wonder the photographer was trying to make a hit with you. Well I guess you will be glad when school is out wont [sic] you. I'll bet that's all steady grind too. I wish you could have seen some of the beautiful places we have seen on our hikes. Yesterday morn. we started on a hike which lasted all day, and ~~at~~ ^{last} night about from 12. PM to 2 AM we had a very exciting sham battle in the forest [&] cotton fields. Gee it was dark could [not] see a thing, only when the enemy fired on us then there was a charge over the top. We routed the enemy in good [?]der.

I never slept a wink in the past 24 hrs [&] its [sic] awfully damp [&] cold at night [&] blistering hot in the daytime. I'm all fagged out from drilling and hiking. Well Dot the lights will soon be out, [&] I must close, but I'm going to try [&] write more often after this, when the drilling lets up. Now I hope you are all well [&] happy at your home, tell your Ma I'm going to try [&] ans. her last letter [&] thank her again for me with best regards [&] lots of love.

Your uncle

Tell Marg.

[written at an angle:

Clarence

[&] the folks

I'm sorry to hear of Midnite's

Hello.

sudden demise. He sure

was a very pretty

cat.