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Miss Clara Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa.
Camp Stevens Mass.
May 12, 1918

Dear Sis,—

Just a few lines to tell you I received your package and I want to thank you folks for it. I sure am putting you folks to a lot of trouble ain't I, but if you folks get tired of it I don't want you to go to too much trouble for me. I will soon be going out of the Old U.S.A. and it will make a lot of trouble to send stuff to the other side and chances are the things might get lost. Did you get my letter with the dollar in it? I thought I would let you folks get it for me, because you can save me 8 cents in a bar, and that means a whole lot to a soldier.

I want to say Sis that I received a lot of candy every week from

Help your Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.
Amanda and I feel as though I am a beggar. Did you give Amanda one of my pictures yet? By the time of her letter she has not received one yet, for she wanted me to send some sort of a picture to her which makes me believe that she didn’t get any. I want to give her one on account of her sending me all this candy, otherwise I wouldn’t bother about it.

Did you folks get that pennant yet? I sent it a week ago, I guess it went astray. Say Bis I will send a picture of the Company pretty soon. I think you folks would like to see what kind of an outfit I belong to.

I and Pile, and Al. are bumming together now, for they are out of quarantine now and we can go anywhere now. It is pretty nice and it is sure some luck that we are together.

We will go over together only we are in different companies. Say Bis I am sure getting tired of this place, I mean that you see the same thing every day...
which makes it monotonous, otherwise it is alright. Say Sis I am glad that you got the deed alright, for that is one worry off of my mind. Say Sis if you are figuring on sending anymore stuff I wish you would take the money you invest in cake and send me some cheap smoking tobacco, because I will tell you why. We are allowed 75 lbs in our barracks bags which includes all of our clothing and equipment which will weigh 50 lbs. and which will allow us 25 lbs for extra articles. You see Sis the most scarce articles over here is tobacco and soap so I figure on taking these things. I wish I could take more for I say Sis you got em all skinned when it comes to baking cake and I will sure miss it when I get over there. You know Sis I am only
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Well sis as this is Mother's day I thought I would write to you and Bob. We sure got a bunch of visitors in camp today, I guess they are
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