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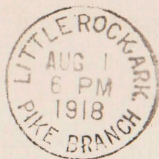
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Miss Clara Lindstact
1101 Arch St.
Burlington
Iowa.

July - 1918
Dear Mother:—

Just a few lines to tell you that I am still here and am feeling in the best of condition. We're not going to stay here very long we may leave any time.

Well I tried to get in the aviation corps and the engineers but was refused both. They gave me my choice between

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I don't know where Carl or Albin are. I said good-bye to Albin before we left but I didn't get to see Carl. If I could see Carl and if he is sick I would advise him to stay out of these hospitals ~~all~~ long as possible.

Our commanding officer sure is a brute. He's ^{the} worst one I've ever run across.

We are drilling eight hours a day.

and there sure is
a lot to this infantry
dullness.

I could have
been sergeant if I
really wanted the
job. No one wants to
be corporal or sergeant
under that officer.

Everybody in our
company had the
chance but very few
took it up on account
of the cursing you
get all day long.

I'll stay a
private for mine

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They don't examine a person for the army in Burlington like they do here. If you have the slightest defect they put an indelible pencil mark on you; Ralph Noehr had a T marked on his chest. Some of the fellows were all marked up but I went through without a ~~flaw~~ ^{flaw}.

I certainly got these guys cheated

down here for appetites,
and if I keep it up
I sure will put on
some meat.

We got our
suits the other day;
I wear a no. $7\frac{1}{2}$ shoe
I had good luck with
my shoes.

Every hour of
the day new soldiers
are arriving from
different parts of
Iowa and thousands
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and can see the men
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We can hear
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If old Bill
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When I leave
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If ~~you~~ I have
any of those athletic
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mer will you send

them to me. Their
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change a few white
handkerchiefs for a few
brown ones.

Well I hope
every body is well ~~and~~
home and hope to
hear from you people
soon.

Robert

P.S. I'm not a bit
homesick yet.

Your monthly
allowance will be \$2.50
(over.)

I'm not sure of
this but the way I
saw it the number on
my chick will 3501967.
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number.

Co. 48 Casual Detachment
162 Depot Brigade
Camp Pike
Arkansas

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION #42]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Original Military postal stamp,
print text “LITTLE ROCK, ARK. / PIKE
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[[Note: postal stamp
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