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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've got 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
artillery and infantry, so I signed up for the infantry. Others were offered different branches of the service to sign up for but I was offered only two. I think they gave me a dirty deal. I was examined and inoculated and passed a 100% percent examination. I felt better than I ever did, whereas I was inoculated while some of the other
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 as long as possible. Our commanding officer sure is a brute. He's the worst one I've ever run across. He gets dulling right through a day.
and there sure is a lot to this infantry drilling. I could have been sergeant if I really wanted the job. No one wants to be corporal or sergeant in the 2d company. Everybody in our company had the chance but very few took it up on account of the drizzling you get all day long. I'll stay a private for mine.
fellows were sent to the hospital.

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

I certainly got these guys cheated
down here for appetite, and if I keep it up I s'pose well put on some meat.

We got our suits the other day: I wear a no. 7 1/2 shoe. I had good luck with my shoes.

Every shore of the day new soldiers are arriving from different parts of Iowa and thousands of soldiers are leaving for France. I'm situated along the railroad track.
and can see the men cheering as they come and go.

I can hear the cannons roaring and the bugler calling, and I long for the day when I can be with the boys in France.

If old Bill could see these thousands of men here he would certainly change his mind about world domination.
I'm sending home a soft fellow cover what I bought here. It was so odd that I thought I would send one home. When I leave I will have to send my suit case home C. O. D. because they haven't got any systems of mail service here. If I have any of those athletic shirts left the ones I always wore in summer will you send
them to me. Their cooler than the ones I got from the govt.
and I'll have to exchange a few white handkerchiefs for a few
brown ones.

Well I hope everybody 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 $7.25
(over)
I'm not sure of this but the way I saw it the number on my check was 36019 W7. I'm not sure of it but I think that is the number.

Co. 48 Casual Detachment
162 Depot Brigade
Camp Pike
Arkansas
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