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Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington
Iowa.
Camp Pike,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.  

Camp Merritt N. J.  
August - 25 - 1918.  

Dear Mother,  

Just a few lines to tell you that I arrived in this camp safe and sound after a ride of three days and three nights. I'm still in perfect condition and health and am ready to take the next great trip across the pond.  

We are only eight miles from the ocean and the sea-breeze that blows over this camp sure is refreshing. I'm willing to
go the rest of the way "that is" to France now that I am this far.
I certainly saw some pretty places along the way to this camp. I saw Lake Erie the Erie canal the Hudson river and along the palisades of the Hudson and many other places. We paraded through the streets of Rochester N. Y. and we sure did get some applause. The people over here are certainly for the soldiers. We stopped at all the large cities along the route and we were always sure of a rousing send-off.
Camp Pike,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

I certainly am glad that I am out of Camp Pike and I never want to go back to that hot place. I wonder if you could spare about 50 or 100 I'm just about broke. I spent nearly all my money down at Camp Pike for food and soft drinks. It was so hot and we never got hardly any water to drink down there and we had to get something to drink.

I only expect to stay here about a week and then we will be on our way again.
We are going to England first and then to France. We received our identification tags and we have to wear them around our necks, that shows that there are some stirring times before us. Don't worry about me because I'm willing to go any place they send me. I'm looking for all the experience and adventure that I can possibly get.

I was fortunate enough to travel this route in summer time and not in the winter as Aunt and Uncle did and so I had a chance to see how tobacco, rice and cotton blossom looks.
Camp Pike,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Ask Clara if she can spare another jar of vanishing cream. That certainly is fine stuff especially when a person has to shave every day. I will pay her back when I get paid. If you send the cream put it in a separate package and put your return address on it and if you can spare the money send it in a separate envelope it will follow me. Don't send any money order or anything like that because I don't be able to cash it.
Tell Clara to send my photograph too but send it separately so it will follow me in case I move.

I expect to get paid any time now and then I will return the money. If you get the allotment book for this number of it—3801967 I think that that number will be on the check you get from me.

Well I hope everything is alright at home and everybody well. I will drop you a card if I can, when we move again.

Your son,

Robert.
Camp Pike,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

My new address is:  
Camp Pike August Automatic  
Replacement Draft  
1st Company  
Camp Merrill  
New Jersey

Be sure you write it  
as I have got it. This  
address don't seem sensible  
but it is the one they  
gave us.

P.S. The astronomer certainly told the truth  
when she said that  
I will travel through  
many places.
going to train the
next bunch of boys
that occupy this
barracks. He’s sergeant
now. He climbed up
faster than his brother
did. I like to see
a man make good
and I wish him the
best of luck.

I don’t care
what they do with me.
They can’t take me
from here and put
me in the front-line
trench if they want to.
You know how much
use I got for a German
and I’m anxious to
get at ’em.
Still I guess I did enough scrubbing for this time. I will write again the first opportunity I get. I will draft you a card when I am on my way.

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August – 21 – 1918

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4th Company
Camp Merritt
New Jersey

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