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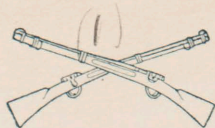


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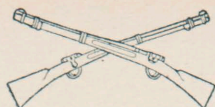
August - 27 - 1918

Camp Merritt - N.J.

Dear Sister:

I arrived here Sunday, after being on the road for over three days and am certainly feeling fine. I'm almost positive that we will be starting on another big trip soon. We are being inspected and examined every day now. I'm always willing to go wherever they send me. As long as I feel as good as I do now I don't care what they do with me.

This camp is a resting place preparatory to going across the big pond and therefore we do not do any drilling here. I'm getting my usual afternoon naps during the week days and also on Sundays. At Camp Pike when we were drilling we were given from eleven in the morning until half-past two in the afternoon in which to rest and that is when I got my sleep and I sure took advantage of it. I also got a powerful big appetite and I'm gaining in ~~the~~ weight. I wished ~~that~~ you could see me in my alive-drab; I got some shape



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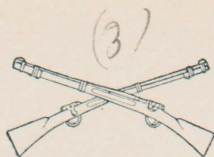
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Love Brother
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Address.

Camp Pike, August Automatic
Replacement Draft
Company, H
Camp Merritt
New Jersey

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION #54]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Original military postmark stamp. Print text: “JERSEY CITY, NJ / MERRITT BRANCH” encircling date: “AUG 28 / 12 M / 1918”]]

[[Image: 3 original green 1-cent postage stamps in a row, each placed so that left-facing profiles of George Washington are now facing upward.]]

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