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Miss Clara Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington
Iowa
August 27, 1918

Camp Heutt, Y.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 dril[ing 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 weight. I wished you could see me in my alive-drab; I got some shape
Camp Pike,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

I got my jacket, overcoat, raincoat, and a helmet stocking-cap and you know what that means. Our lieutenant said that Dec. will be the big month for us if we cross the Rhine in Sept. He said we will get a chance to show the Germans what the Americans can do. If I ever get a chance to go over the top I'm sure going to fight like a savage, but I'll be careful at the same time.

I never regret taking the trip from Camp Pike.
to New Jersey because I saw so many different sites. I'm glad I'm out of Arkansas because it's entirely too hot down there for an Iowan.

We are only eight miles from the ocean. The weather we are having now is just like the weather we have in October in Iowa.

We can see all through the night powerful searchlights in New York searching the heavens for enemy airships. We are only about 4 miles from New York. I never heard of Camp Merritt before until we arrived here.
I wrote Aunt and Uncle a letter this week again. I've written one letter each a week since I left home.

Well I guess I wrote enough for this time but will write again as soon as I get settled down.

Your Brother

Robert

Address

Camp Pike, August Automatic Replacement Draft
Company 4
Camp Merritt
New Jersey
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Burlington
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