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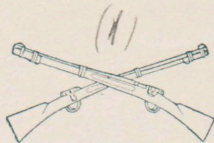
To _____ Co. _____

~~FIRST TRAINING REGIMENT~~

~~CAMP PIKE ARK~~



Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington
Iowa.



Camp Pike,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

August - 29 - 1918

Camp Merritt, N. J.

Dear Mother:

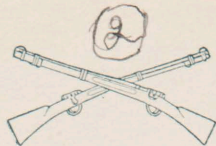
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This camp is a resting place for the

soldiers that are to go overseas.

I want to go over as soon as possible because if we go over in Sept. we won't be on the firing line until Dec. but if we stay here, we only get six weeks training and then we go direct to the firing line that is what the high officers told us. There's no getting out of it we are going to see some real fighting.

We will be brigaded with veteran soldiers and we don't require much training. Don't worry about me because I'm anxious to train my eye on some of those savages.



Camp Pike,
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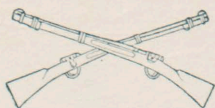
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because I hate a Ger-
man so. I got just as
much use for a German
as Gult has for a

Catholic. Of course some
Germans are all right
~~esp~~ especially those born
in this country.

When I get on
the other side I will
be able to locate Gult
and Walley. Have you
heard from them lately?

I like New Jersey
better than I did
Arkansas because the
climate is more like
Iowa. It is a common
sight over here to see
airplanes in the air,
and I sure envy those
men that ride in them.

New York surely is pro-
tected from aerial attacks,
Old Kaiser Bill is bringing
on his own destruction when
he forced this country into the
war.



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As soon as this war is over I'm coming right back home and start all over again, so don't worry about me being a roamer because I won't do any more travelling after I get back home again.

This travelling will help me a whole lot because I get to see so many different places and I will keep my eyes open.

That certainly was a sad bunch that we left behind us when we left Camp Pike. I left some good friends

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about me give her all
the available information
about me as possible because
she's the only girl I
really care for in Burlington.
Your Loving son
Robert.

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION #55]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Two crossed rifles, printed “FIRST” above the cross and “1” beneath it. Below the insignia is printed “RETURN”]]

[[Image: 3 original green 1-cent postage stamps in a row, placed horizontally; profiles of George Washington face down. Military postmark stamp near leftmost post stamp, print text “JERSEY CITY, N.J. / MERRITT BRANCH” encircles date: “AUG 30 / 4 PM / 1918”]]

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