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Miss Clara Linstadt
1101 Arch St
Burlington
Iowa

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1918
From A. O. Anderson
Camp Pike, Ark.
Camp Pike, Ark.
Sept. 19, 1918.

My dear Clara,

I want to thank you first for the money belt that you sent me and also for the card. I don't know what I shall do for you, that I can ever repay you for the things you have sent me and kindness shown me. You also are to be thanked for the shirt you had in giving me the sweater. It surely comes handy now when the evenings get cool. This camp is not like Camp Dodge in this respect that you can get clothes that are somewhat of a fit to a person. I drew a second hand coat that is without a single button.

Help Your Country By Saving, Write on BOTH sides of this Paper
I have gone to the supply sergeant to see if I could get it changed for something that would fit me, but they all told me that it would only be a short time until we would be sent away from here and then we would all get our O.D. or woolen clothes which fit better. That is the reason I haven't had any picture taken. I only wish they would get ready to ship us soon. We are drilling harder and taking hikes every day to harden us. It is raining here to day so there is no drilling but we had a lecture this morning. I am feeling fine and I hope that you and your mother are keeping well and not overworking yourselves. Your brother was in this last registering, but I don't hardly think that he will have to go anywhere down here. There are so many coming in that they are given shoes with holes in them and these clothes are not their full issue.
You have seen Camp d'odge and know how it looks, but the boys who have been there say that this camp is not in it with Camp d'odge. We have an old established camp here for the regulars, called Ft. Logan Root and they say that is a pretty place but it is several miles and I haven't been there yet. Then is only one thing that is better here and that is, it dries up in a hurry here and we are not bothered with mud like at Camp d'odge. So Beulah is on her way across, now I wish that I was also with him. When I get over there, they are figuring on putting us on motor transports in case of the enemy destroying the railroads. I have only one Burlington boy with me now but there are many
good boys in my bunch. There was one boy who I got acquainted with over in the tents and he has been with me ever since until night before last, when he left for Ft. Lee, Va. He was a civil and constructing engineer and will be an officer when he gets his training. They are cleaning house at Caribou and I suppose that you have been helping them some. Take good care of yourself and don't worry about your brothers because the infantry is very well protected in the trenches by the heavy gun.

Best regards to you, your mother and brother hoping to hear from you again. I remain

Your friend

Albin

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