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United Army

Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington, Iowa
U. S. A.
Nov. 30, 1918.

Dear Sister:

Just a few lines to tell you that I am getting along fine in my new home. It certainly is a pretty place. The people that own the place are millionaires and they used to live here but since America was at war they turned it into a convalescent home for U.S. soldiers. These people said that they have 50 million dollars to spend on the murmies and they sure are doing it. I had my picture taken here with some of the boys but I can't buy any because I haven't any money. I've been broke
since I left Camp P. I havn't received a redcent from the Gov't since I've been in the army and I'm sure disappointed about it. I give up all hope of ever getting paid because I'll soon be more again if you get the allotments right and let me know because I'm anxious about knowing I'm in England now for awhile and I don't know where I will go from here.

The army life is alright and I haven't quite got enough of it yet. I think I will be in another country before long. I've seen all of Great Britain and I hope I will be moving soon. The scenery in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland simply is beautiful. The thing makes a man of you especially if you have to go through a lot of hardships. There's some Iowa boys leaving.
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Well I had a good
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I'm mailing you a part
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Well I guess I said enough for this time so I will close hoping you are all well.

Your Brother,

Robert.

P.S. The last time I received a letter was at Camp Pi. They got lost I guess.
Dec. 7, 1918

Dear Mother:—

I thought I would drop you a few lines to tell you that I am getting along fine now and am gaining in weight. I certainly picked up in weight since I left the hospital. I was nine weeks there and two months of that I was on my back in bed. I was so weak and thin that I couldn't stand up or my feet. It's only been three weeks since I left the hospital and I only got about twelve pounds to gain yet and I'm feeling almost as good as new. I think I will stay here about two weeks.
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Robert
Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
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