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United
Army.



Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt

1101 Arch St.,

Burlington, Iowa,

U. S. A.

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My Address —
THE MRS GORDON SELFRIDGE
CONVALESCENT CAMP,
HIGHCLIFFE-ON-SEA,
HAMPSHIRE.
England

Nov 30, 1918.
A - O - S.

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~~ war 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 Sammies 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 hav'nt any money. I've been broke

since I left Camp P. I hav'nt received a red-cent 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 moving again. If you get the allotments write 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.

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There's some Iowa boys leaving

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Well I had a good time Thanksgiving. We all went to a party which was held at a castle where old Kaiser Bill lived in 1908 when he was visiting England. Those places sure are interesting to see. We had turkey and lots of other things and were showed a royal time by the English girls.

I'm mailing you a part of a sea-shell which I happened to have in my pocket. I picked it up while I was strolling along the sea shore of

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THE NEW ENGLAND REFERENCE

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England
Dec. - 7 - 1918
A. E. F.

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 on my feet. I ts 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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Do you hear from Clarence or Vannie? I've been writing to them but I never received an answer yet. The place where I am staying certainly is a palace. It's too good for a soldier. Tell by the first of the year I will either be in the States or else back in France. They are shipping the Americans out of England now some to France and some back home. I'll drop you a few lines now and then and tell you how I am getting along. Your loving son.

Robert

[LINDSTADT BROTHERS COLLECTION #60]

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United [envelope torn]
Army.

[[Image: Partially visible circular postmark stamp
(obscured by torn envelope pieces, with some text:
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“11. A[M] / 9 [??]”]]

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[[Image: Stamped U.S.A.

text, green ink: “EXAMINED BY

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[Page 2 – Back of Envelope]

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[Page 3 – Letter 1 of 2 enclosed]

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