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Miss Mary.

Soldiers Home



Mrs. J. Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa.

U. S. A.



AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE
WITH THE
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Jan, 16 1917

Dear Mother.

I am writing a few lines to let you know that I am still in good health and hope that all you folks are the same, and that every thing is O.K. around home. I sure felt bad about Amanda's hard luck, and was sorry that I couldn't be there.

I wonder why they don't write to me? I wrote to Marguerite about 2 weeks ago, but the poor kid will not get my letter. It sure is tough luck. You will be surprised, if I tell

you that Clarence and I spent last Sunday ^{at} together. He is looking fine, and he is hoping the same as I am that we can shake the mud of France from our feet soon, and get back to God's Country and home.

When we will get back is hard to say for we have lots to do now.

I received a letter from Rob today and he is in France. He is going to be put in a labor battalion and he thinks that he won't be back for some time. He said I should tell you he is feeling fine now. Well Mother I and Clarence put in for a furlough but don't know if we

will get to go. If I get to go, I will be sent to a place ~~near the~~ down by the Apper Mts.

It is a fine place to go to rest up. Well Mother I was going to send you some presents for Xmas, but was afraid they would get spoiled so I will bring you all something nice when I come home.

I will know in a few days if I go on a furlough, and if I don't I will send ^{you} some money. If there is any thing that is going wrong I hope you will write and tell me.

Well Mother I will close for this time, so keep the old fire burning

(44)

until we all get back
to the good old home.

With Love to all
Your Son

Mech. W. T. Lindstadt

C. E. 33rd Engrs.

A. P. O. 714 A. C. F. Times

P.S. Give my regards to
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Write Soon.

OK
John Schmid
Capt Q MC

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[Page 1 – Envelope]

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[U.S.] Army.

Soldiers Mail.

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OFFICE MP[??] 714,” circling date: “1 17”]]

Mrs J. Lindstadt.

1101 Arch St.

Burlington Iowa

U.S.A.

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John Schmid

Capt QM[C]

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