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Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt
1101 Arch St
Burlington
Iowa.
Feb. 24, 1919
Casco, Maine, New Jersey

Dear Mother,

Just arrived at Camp

We had an exciting trip, I sailed from
New York, on
the U.S. Battleship Kansas.
I arrived at New York City
after nineteen days on the
ocean and we were not expecting that.

I saw the Magen Islands
off the coast of Portugal, and
also saw the Bermuda Islands.
We stopped two days at the
Bermudas to take on coal.

I'll be on my way to Camp Dodge in a few days and then I'll be discharged.

This certainly is God's Country
over here and I'm certainly glad I could come back.

I just wrote to Kelly and...
felt. I think they will be home soon because they don't need the Engineers any then so much now. In fact, I left him in England and I've heard of him since. There is Dolph and Allen D.; are they married? The last time I saw them was at Camp Lib. I had not heard any news from the U.S. since I left Camp in the fall. I got no letters from the U.S. A. while overseas.

Will you, I hope I'll be home again to stay, within the next fortnight. The war is over now and the army don't want me any more.

You may expect me home anytime within a week or two so don't be scared if I hammer on the door some night. I may not have time to notify you of my coming. I'll write again soon.

Yours lovingly,

Robert
Feb. 28, 1919
Camp Dix, N.J.

Dear Mother:

I’m just a few more lines to tell you that I am leaving the camp to-morrow for Camp Dodge and will get there about the time you get this letter. I want stay there over a week before I’ll be discharged. I’ll get 60 extra for the 40 I quit the service.

I’m sending home a few pictures of myself which I had taken after I arrived. Don’t show them to anybody because my uniform just fit to be seen. If I’m not issued a new uniform I won’t be home during the daytime.
but will drop in some night. The breech coat isn't so bad but the rest of my clothes is in rags and my over seas cap is no good.

I sure am glad to be back to civilization and out of the mud once more. France sure is a muddy country and the soil is so poor these they can't grow grass.

Well boys I guess I'll have to make the letter rather short this time but will write you there to camp Dodge in a few days. Hoping you all are well at home and hoping to be home soon. Love loving son Robert
Mrs. J.P. Linstadt
1101 Arch St.
Burlington
Iowa.
Prv’t. R. G. Lindstadt

116 amm: train

[[underscore]] Camp Dix [[/underscore]]
Feb. 24 – 1919

Camp Dix, New Jersey

Dear Mother

Just arrived at Camp Dix, N.J. and am feeling fine.
I sailed from Brest, France, on the U.S. battleship Kansas.
I arrived at New York city after nineteen days on the ocean and we sure got some reception there.

I saw the Azore Islands off the coast of Portugal, and I also saw the Bermuda Islands.
We stopped two days at the Bermudas to take on coal.

I'll be on my way to camp Dodge in a few days and there I'll be discharged.
This certainly is God's Country over here and I'm certainly glad I could come back.

I just wrote to Wally and

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How is Ralph Moehn is he still alive. I left him in England and hav’nt [sic] heard of him since. Where is Voelker and Albin A; are they in France. The last time I saw them was [[strikethrough]] as [[/strikethrough]] at Camp Pike. I hav’nt [sic] heard any news from the U.S.A. since I left Camp Pike. I got no letters from the U.S.A. while overseas.

Well Ma I hope I’ll be home again to stay within the next fortnight. The war is over now and the army don’t interest me any more.

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Your loving son.

Robert.
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