1918-08-29, Robert to Mother

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FIRST TRAINING REGIMENT
CAMP PIKE, ARK.

Mrs. J. P. Lindstadt
1101 Arch St.
 Burlington
Iowa.
Camp Pike,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

August 29, 1918
Camp Revitt, N. J.

Dear Mother,

Just a few more lines to tell you that by the time you get this letter I may be on my way again. We are done with inspection and examinations for the time being and I don't know whether we will have any more on this side. We don't do anything now but lay around and wonder about the camp. This camp is a resting place for the
soldiers that are to go overseas.

I want to go over as soon as possible because if we go over in Sept we won't be on the firing line until Dec but if we stay here we only get six weeks training and then we go directly to the firing line that is what the high officers told us. There's no getting out of it we are going to see some real fighting.

We will be bugged with veteran soldiers and we don't require much training. Don't worry about me because I'm anxious to train my eye on some of those savages.
There are 250 men in our regiment besides the two officers. The officers we got now are certain fine men if you treat them right. They also will see some real fighting because they have to stay with us and direct us. We are all for one another over here. I got more confidence in myself than ever and am not the least worried over what's before us. I guess it's because I hate a German so. I got just as much use for a German as Guilt has for a
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That certainly was a sad bunch that we left behind us when we left Camp Pike. I left some good friends
behind when I left that place. They sure would have liked to go with us because they were disgusted with the place. Well I hope every thing is going along smooth at home and now don't worry about me but be patiente and wait untill we give old Bill a whipping which is bound to come sooner or later. I a girl by the name of Menno says about me she gave her all the available information about me as possible because she's the only girl I really care for in Burlington.

Your Loving son

Robert.
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[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Two crossed rifles, printed “FIRST” above the cross and “1” beneath it. Below the insignia is printed “RETURN”]]

[[Image: 3 original green 1-cent postage stamps in a row, placed horizontally; profiles of George Washington face down. Military postmark stamp near leftmost post stamp, print text “JERSEY CITY, N.J. / MERRITT BRANCH” encircles date: “AUG 30 / 4 PM / 1918”]]

[[Image: Printed “TO” with a line, and printed “CO.” and another line, both blank; “FIRST TRAINING REGIMENT /
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