

## James Emerald Northrup, World War I soldier

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Around 1919, the Kansas State Historical Society and the American Legion solicited biographical information from returning veterans (primarily members of the 35th and 89th infantry divisions) and the families of those who died in service, notably from the Gold Star Mothers. Each veteran or family member was asked to provide letters, photographs, a biography, and military records. This file contains letters and their transcriptions from James Emerald Northrup, Company F, 110th Ammunition Train, 35th Division.

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my share to win this war which I guess they all know. Hope old  
draft has got some more of them slackers by this time.

I am your loving brother

Pvt. James Northrup,  
A. P. O. 733 A. E. F. France,  
Co. F. 110th Am. Train.

Censored by

Lt. R. M. Cunningham,  
110 Am. Tr.

Addressed to:

Miss Floye Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.



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Fort Sill, Okla.

Jan. 25, 1918.

Dear folks

Will drop you a few lines tonight how are you folks I am well hope this finds you the same I rec'd a letter from Alma Pearl and Aunt Minnie today so I have 7 to write tonight I am writing to about 15 in all counting relatives and friends so it keeps me going about 2 a day I think I will get to come home yet as they are letting 7 go at a time and as soon as my turn comes I think I will come. We are getting our horses harness and wagons now. I shot upon the range again this afternoon I made a good score its pretty hard to shoot today as the dust was bad and it was cloudy and the target looks like a pin head and they only give us five shots each day. I am glad I am in this Ammm. Train for I never could do what the infantry does for my arches would give out they are weak we took a Mike out in the country upon our horses this morning sure is quite a string in our company a half mile long and house we go by the people look as long as they can see there was a report of peace here one thing sure things are going to turn one way or the other in 60 days well I must close for this time. I am your loving son and brother James.

Addressed to

Mrs. Austin Northrup,

Blaine, Kan.

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Fort Sill, Ok.

Jan 26, 1918.

Dear Sis



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Your very welcome letter rec'd today, and also the package thank Mother very much for it the doughnuts and chicken was sure fine and the apple pie was sure delicious made me think of home once more it sure tasted lie the pir mother used to make this found me well and hop this finds you folks the same we having a dust storm tonigh dust all over everything aobut an inch thick you can hardly see out doors. I got a letter from Josephine Cole and Louise N. today I wrote Sheensy a long time ago. he never answered I always ans the same day or I forget to as I have so much upon my mind. I suppose if I was there graces tin horn sport would get the high ball no I didnt move as soon as we got fully orginazed we were co. F. instead caessen we can wear any kind of mittens thank you I would not care for a pillow as it makes something more to look after and we have so many things to take care of now here in the dust I havent slept on a pillow since I left home and I get a long fine it would make my neck stiff. Now in regard to that insurance they are so much behind in Wash it will be some time yet before you get the policy but its as good as gold any way as its marked upon our payroll In regard to us moving there is reports we may stay here 5 months- other that we never fo to France and so you see dont worry about me mother the Lord will take care of us all, the box was in fine shape I dont know of anything I need only Mittens one pair, Bonjour's Sister sends him a box every week so we go haves but I know its quite a lots of trouble to you folks as well as expensive Well I must close for this time I am your loving soldier brother

James.

Addressed to

Miss Floye Northrup,

Blaine, Kan.



## James Emerald Northrup, World War I soldier

Y.M.C.A.

Camp Doniphan,

Jan. 28, 1917

Dear folks

Will drop you a few lines tonight to let you know I am well and hope this finds you folks the same the weather is cold again but it didn't snow much I got a recorder today I get one every week how many of the boys go the 15th of Feb. sure wish they could get a taste of army life so they could understand what it means to be a soldier there is sure a lot to learn seems like we have got some of our caissons or ammunition wagons now I guess I will get my furlough when my turn comes I don't know just when that will be but here we are ready we could do anything in a few hours notice. We was drilling again this afternoon instead of shooting learning the Manual of arms we sure have to handle them rifles by the count every body at the same time just like a clock or machine looks like peace was near from the way the papers talk but of course we cannot tell. We have saddles now so riding is fun. the Y.M.C.A. Buildings are closed now only to buy stamps so we have to spend our evenings in our tents when were not working I have got acquainted with most of the fellows in our company some of them are from Pott. and Marshall county and in fact from all over Kans. and No. the paper boys are here every day selling all kinds of news papers Chester Bonjour's sister who works in that Stone Store in Onaga sends him a box twice a week and writes about every other day he never gets any mail only from her or home and that the only places he ever writes I cannot say that I sent home a package of about 50 letters last night so look for them and in one from Alma I forgot and left two pictures you can see by these I have some friends or think I have anyway well I must close for this time I am your loving son



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and brother James.

Addressed to

Mr. Austin Northrup,

Blaine, Kan.



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Y. M. C. A.

Camp Doniphan,

Feb. 5, 1918.

Dear Folks:

Will drop you a few lines today to let you know I am well and hope this finds you folks the same the weather sure is fine but dusty today dirt all over everything is it a fact they stopped the draft we heard they had but of course we hear lots down here and dont hear anything either I rec'd a picture of Clarence and John Wade Monday but have none to send them at present my the dust is terrible we just came in from drill everything is all dirt in our tents and aut doors you cannot see the sun and how the wind does blow all the loose dirt blows up in drifts like snow leaving the ground very hard. I thank Floye for the calender its just what I wanted Cora sent me one also I hear from Wills folks quite often they are going to live by themselves after the 1st of March I got 5 letters Monday so you know it keeps me going to write about 10 per week. Lilly Wills wife said her neice Alice Lee was taken up woth my picture and wanted it. Well I must close will write again this week. I am your loving son and brother

James.

Addressed to:

Miss Ruby Northrup,

Blaine, Kan.

Y. M. C. A.

Fort Sill, Feb. 8, 1918.

Dear Folks:-

Will drop you folks a few lines tonight I am well and hope this finds you the same I rec'd the letter from Mr. Havington sent today I wish to thank him very much I put in for a furlough it will be 3 weeks



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or the 1st of March before I can get away but I think we'll be getting 10 days then. they just keep us so busy I have not time to write any only home now we have inspection every night at retreat so we must shave shine our shoes clean our guns everyday besides our regular work and must wear clean clothes and a dust storm every other day you can hardly see the sun and 1 inch of dust upon everything but that makes no different we must keep clean if theres a foot of dust upon every day in everything in our tents. its impossible to please them I dont care it seems the more I try the worse they are I am going to do as near right as I can. We have general inspection Sat. they are going to strip us I guess to see if our under clothes are clean and our toe nails trimmed they are forcing all men to take the \$10,000 insurance its sure a fright, but do I care I should say not I am going to enjoy my self even if they put me in the guard house I have always tried to do right but they ask to much if one button is off your clothes you couldn't leave camp see the Idea Well I must close I am your Loving Son and brother

James.

Addressed to:

Mr. A. T. Northrup,  
Blaine, Kan.



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K of C.

Camp Doniphan,

Feb. 11, 1918.

Dear Folks:

Will drop you a few lines tonight I rec'd Grace's welcome letter a few days ago and Floyes and Clarnece today sure was glad to hear from home again I am well and hope this finds you folks the same well it rained a shower this morning it was sure welcome in this desert. I am at Knight of Col. building tonight up in the 128 Field Artillery sure is a nice place like the Y.M.C.A. I am not looking for any Discharge get that out of your heads I am to good a man. Fiegner got his today so I suppose he is home now he was in very bad shape No I have never seen the fellows you girls spoke of I dont have time to look them up there is only 65,000 here all dressed alike you couldn't pick me out I have changed that much I dont walk like a civilian I dont know when I'll be home for sure the last of this month I think I sure have lots of things to tell you all you never thought of I've forgotten such things as Valentines or Valentine days I can't be bothered with little things like that my score nearly every shot a hit upon the range we are looking for a 6 day hike any day now. I suppose it keeps you and Clarence going to do the work but remember this was times and do the best you can remember you have a brother brave and true who is going help win this war. I am not much afraid of getting sick, but you never can tell. I see by the paper Mr. Graves is dead and how he regreted he had not lived a christain life I am glad to hear you folks are having such good luck with the car and tires especially. You done the right thing to do when your radiator Breezes while driving. When she starts to steam she stops the circulation this causes the



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water in the top to steam therefore shes frozen watch this in the winter so Carl had trouble, well its luck it didnt kill him. To bad Grace is taken up with a fellow on such short acquaintance I have tried to tell her but shes got to learn sometime I guess I think the world of her but I guess she cant see it the way us folks do she'll have to suffer I was down to Lawton Sunday had my fortune told by palmistry told me the past alright and said I would get my furlough would also see 9 months of foreign service making a little more than a year of army also said I would receive a few scars small ones nothing serious. I am to be promoted twice. I am very healthy she said never been sick you know that to be true to said I would live to a ripe old age I am to be married 2 times 1st to a dark haired girl oh I couldnt tell you all I dont believe everything a fellow would go bugs if he did you must use common sense. We have been getting hell lately not drilling in cleaning our guns and I dont know long this will be this way, but it sure makes a fellow discouraged at times but the man worth while can smile when every thing goes dead wrong. Well I must close for this time. I am as ever your loving brother and son

James.

Addressed to:

Floye and Clarence Northrup,  
Blaine, Kan.



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Y.M.C.A.

Fort Sill, Feb. 15, 1918.

My Dear Mother

Will drop you a few lines to night to let you know  
Im well and hope this finds you folks the same. the Y.M.C.As  
are open again so its better now. for a lont time we have been  
no where and they are getting more strict every day. seems like  
we even have to sweep the street in front of our tents every  
morning. I hear the 353 regiment has left Funston for some  
where in New Jersey. I dont know when we move but I think I  
will be home first I am almost sure I will the most of the winter  
is over hear I think. I hear from Wills folks quite often. how  
are you folks getting a long. we get the very devil lots of the  
time but a fellow has to get the devil care feeling before he can  
get along I guess for the harder you try the harder they get upon  
you, but I am used to it so I dont care I am sending you apicture  
of me and one of my friends from Mo. we call him Mo. and the  
boys all call me Osear they think its my right name I should  
worry this fellow is like a brother to me. I am sending you  
also some circulars upon insurance which you folks read then you  
can understand I am as ever you loving son

James.

Addressed to:

Mrs. Austin Northrup,  
Blaine, Kan.



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Y.M.C.A.

Fort Sill, Okla.

Feb. 19, 1918.

My Dear Mother and all

Your very welcome letter rec'd Sat. was glad to hear from you I got Clarences letter Monday also 3 others from Pott County friends. I always answer your folks letters then the others if I have time You talk you think I am discouraged, I am not I am willing to fight until Victory comes but I was just telling you some of our many troubles well they sure are strict upon us lately as the Major General inspects us Monday so we got to be just so No my officers have no pick upon me. I just telling you the way a fellow must to to be a real soldier and enjoy life he cannot care for nothing much theres lots in management I find here in getting through its not the fellow who works the hardest you have to learn the game and every one looks out for himself Chester Bonjour is a good fellow to honest and worries to much for a soldier the other boys would get the best of him if it were not for me to help him he is slow to see lots of things I am glad to hear you got the \$10.00 it will be more the next time for I have give you half my wages I changed it from \$10 to \$15 and the Govt. should give you \$10 making \$25 in all that leaves me drawing \$8.50 per month but that enough I think you need it much worse than I I dont have to worry about my clothes taxes or where the next sack of flour comes from. We're having a Band concert tonight at the Y I can hardly write for the music I am looking to get my furlough about the 1st of March and then I'll tell you the two sides of army life. You folks sure have been having good success the tires and tubes that shows careful driving. Cecil Rumeals is hear tonight and I want to talk to him a while how did you like the



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last pictu e I sent you folke I will have more of the cabnet size  
taken if you say I always take good dont worry, but Just as you  
say Mother I must close will write another to clarence this week.

I am as ever your loving son and Brother

James.

Addressed to:

Mrs. Austin Northup,  
Blaine, Kan.

K of C.

Camp Doniphan, Okla.

Feb. 21, 1918.

Dear Bro. your very welcome letter Recd a few days ago also one  
from Ruby today. how are you I am fine the weather sure has been  
cold the last two days we havent done any drilling to speak of this  
week as we put on a parade Monday for the Major General and we have  
to clean up everything around camp sweep the road and house lots  
I got two valentines today from Miss cole. They were pretty nice  
I had a letter from Joun and Clarence Wade Tuesday yes I heard  
Tom Cunningham has a discharge well I will never get one I may be  
mustered out some time yes this is a Democratic army but we must  
make the best of it you sure are having good success with the car  
and tires shows careful driving I had a letter from Mr. Train and  
he said he had sent you 30- 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  Goodyear they are good tires I  
guess he sent me a book full of tickets for Govt, plays and shows  
but it is no good here as the things are all free to us boys  
the things cost \$1.00 dont buy any of these books I am at the K



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of G. Bldg tonight hope to see you before long I sure have lots to tell you but I dont know how soon I can come yet they want tell you anything much.

I must close for this time. I am your loving Brother  
James.

Addressed to:

Mr. Clarence Northrup,  
Blaine, Kan.

Y.M. C. A.

Camp Doniphan,

Feb. 24, 1918.

My Dear Sis Eloye:

Your very welcome letter recd yesterday was glad to hear from you and learn you folks are well which found me the same it sure was cold the first of the week but today and yesterday its to warm just like summer it sure has been dusty lately you sure made goot time with the car upon the ranto am sure glad you are having such good success with it. Sure wish I could spend a Sunday with you kids up there but we use our Sundays to washin. When we are not working. I think of you folks more often Sundays than any other time wander what youre doing we didn't get the 22nd off. There is no holidays in the army only they stop the mail upon holidays. Shure wish some of them sports that were with you kids Sunday was in the army. I wish it was close so you could visit this camp. But I'll tell you Lawton is sure a tough place the police the raid the hotels and Boarding houses all the time but they cant get them all they have a farm out here or camp where they send the girls they get sure is a sight the poor girls are to be pitied they come to Lawton from all over the



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country. Yes I hear from Clare and Nettie. But I am going to quit Clare. You seen my old letters didnt you what do you think of them I sure have some correspondence dont you think how do you like Josephine Coles letter she sure is a good girl with a big heart I expect to visit Chicago when the war is over She is a fine cook has went to high school and Business college is 23 years old I will send you a kodak picture of her she is going to send me a large one soon we had a picture of the 110th Am. tr. Sat. the entire Battalion 7 companys yes Cecil got his furlough and is here again I see him quite often. How did you like the last picture I sent you I sure take good that guy with me is from Mo. The Govt had all this flour bought long ago I guess. are any of the boys from Pott. County coming in soon I will get my furlough the 19 of Mar so they told me last night if everything goes alright thats not far off, was sure glad to hear you folks got the allotment did you ever get any recipt from the American life insurance co. or permit I havent. Well I must close for this time as ever your loving Brother James. Tell Katie hello for me when you see her.

Addressed to:

Miss Floye Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

110 A. T.

Fort Sill, Okla.

Mar. 2, 1918.

My Dear Bro.

Your very welcome letter recd was glad to hear from you How are you folks all I am well and hope this finds you the same...its raining today sure is nice to see the dust stop blowing.



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An glad to hear father is using the car for its easier on him  
I suppose you folks are getting ready for garden and farming have  
you folks seed corn was it the new radiator or the old one you  
had fixed theres lots of mumps and measles here but they dont  
bother me I dont knoe if I will for sure get to come home or not  
if you folks dont get sick and have the doctor and send a  
telegram for some or most of the boys are getting telegrams and  
then they let them go ahead tell Clarence Muham hello for me and  
I was glad to hear from him I am so busy I havent time to write him  
So Markey dear is a livery man Where is Tom Mimham well I must  
close for t is time hoping to hear from you again and hope this  
finds you folks all well if I get to come will telegraph you when  
I start so dont look for me if you dont get a telegram first.

I am your brother James.

Addressed to:

Mr. Clarence Northrup,

Blaine, Kan.



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YMCA

Camp Doniphan, Okla.  
March 4, 1918.

My dear Mother:

Your very welcome letter rec'd today sure glad to hear from you we had a terrible dust storm last Monday the same day you had yours. It rained a good rain Sat. night. So Joe Heer is working for you folks well your lucky to get some help. Sure rent Thornton's place if you can handle some of it, but don't agree to cut any weeds pastureing sure is high isn't it what rent do you give for the pasture? Yes oats kaffir and millet or cane would be good crops easy for you to take care of so you have 3 fresh cows I suppose you must be kept busy doing chores. Am glad you got the permit from the American Life Ins Co for youre sure of \$11,000 in case anything happens to me but I hardly think so. I don't know how long I will be gone but seems like they have enough artillery in France for awhile we got our harness today my allotment started out of Jan. pay am sure glad to hear you get them regular I don't know just when I'll be home hope I will get to come soon am sure trying hard enough but there's so many have sick telegrams and they go ahead.

Will answer Floye's letter later.

I am as ever your loving son James

Addressed to:

Mrs. Austin Northrup,

Blaine, Kansas.



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YMCA

Camp Doniphan, Okla.  
March 5, 1918.

My dear Sister:

Your very welcome letter rec'd a few days ago was sure glad to hear from you with such a nice long letter. Katie always writes a big newswy letter. If Miss Cole is just half as good a woman as Lilly is all around she's a Princess. She maybe of coarse I don't know much about her but sure am taken up with her ways and Kindness I havent heard from her since I got the sweater I guess her letter must of got lost somewhere. No I dont hear from Angelo lost his address yes I sure would like to visit them in Chicago and thats not half of it I intend to some day for every day will be Sunday Bye and Bye. Wont that be fine When Johnny Comes Marching home. Were having lovely weather, now. Yes I sure am some washerwoman would do the washing if I was home for you. It would be impossible for you folks to come down here in the car, and Lawton is no place for my mother or sisters I tell you its a fright so many soldiers there you know is one reason. Yes the Arthur Moore you spoke of is in our co and is in the hoppital now. My old mare kicked him upon the knee cap one day when we were drilling and poor fellow will be a cripple for life, I'm afraid. Burgess has the mumps another fellow is going to France in his place. Will send you a picture of our Regiment the whole 7 Cos of 110th Am Train in a few days. So Arlie enlisted I have no pity for a man fool enough to enlist. Yes Katie and Tressie are good kids and sure write me some nice letters so I guess Im not forgotten if I am gone from Pleasant Ridge. We are having a Band Concert tonight by the Engineer's Band Sure is fine I can hardly write. I am going to drive a wagon while Lucern Holder goes upon a furlough he has a sister very sick he got a telegram Sunday and will start home tomorrow I am looking to get mine next time I mean next week sure would if I had a sick message. Holder is one



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of the wagoners. We have 3 in our company drive 4 mules to a wagon haul manure hay oats wood coal or anything there is to haul. We sure have lots of equipment now they are going to have a 7 reel show now so I must close hoping to hear from you again and hoping this finds you folks all well I am your loving brother James

Addressed to:

Miss Floye Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

K of C

Camp Doniphan, Okla.  
March 16, 1918.

Dear father:

Just a line to night to tell you that I will come to McFarland instead of Topeka as its only 14 miles from there to Wamego and I can get there between 3 and 4 in the morning that way I could get home much sooner now if Sheeney is so he can meet me at McFarland all OK. If not we could hire a car across to Wamego I am expecting Chester Bonjour to come with me but don't know. I am going to write his folks to send him a telegram as he hasent the heart you had better send me a telegram like I told you and I will telegram you from Ft Sill when I leave of coarse I dont know for sure but if I get the telegram that brother is sick I expect to come about the 25 of March thats what the fortune teller told me Id go home the last of March I look to see you all soon. Dont you try to meet me in McFarland if Sheeny cannot come meet me in Wamego. Ill hire a car across to Wamego if Sheeny is not there. If he meets me there look for me in the Rock Island Depot. The boys say thats a fast train from here up



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there so I ought to make good time.

I am as ever your loving son James

We are going to take a 6 day march or hike I mean with our ammunition wagon horses and all beginning Monday the 18.

Addressed to:

Mr. Austin Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

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Lawton Hospitality House -

Camp Doniphan,  
April 17, 1918.

Dear Sisters:

Your very welcome letter rec'd today and was sure glad to hear from home as I havent got hardly any mail since I came back until today I got three letters so Ive got some writing to do. I had a letter from Sam L. a few days ago hes in Jacksonville, Fla. now, also got a letter from Will, and a card from Katie. Am looking for the picture some time this week. I know theyll be good most of them for look who took them. I am working over at the officers mess hall now where the officers eat waiting tables and washing dishes or anything there is to do they sure live good, and so do I for we get the very best of every thing for them and here I throw out enough every day of goodies such as fruit canned meats and grease to keep our family fine at home but whats the difference the officers pay for it. The Govt has issued us each a \$5.00 safety razor and out complete. So Sheeny and Mr. Tennant were to see you girls. Well I would go with them if I were you. I think they are as good young men as you'll find and better than lots of them I would advise you girls to do this and leave those tin horn sports go. Do it for my sake. Think of it, I am here



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sacrificing my life if necessary, while these bums do nothing only ruin the good girls of our America if they can. Of coarse they don't all but so many do. Yes, Bonjour was glad to see me back all the boys were I and him are just like brothers we're going to stay together if we possibly can. I havent got that 9 page letter you spoke of I was wondering how you kids got home until I heard from Katie. I sure wish I could moter to Wamego again soon it dont look like we would move for some time and maybe not at all I havent lost anything over there.

I am as ever your loving brother James

Addressed to:

Miss Floye Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

K of C

Camp Doniphan, Okla.  
Mar 15, 1918.

Dear Bro and Sister and all:

Your very welcome letter rec'd yesterday was sure glad to hear from you I am well and hope this finds you folks the same. Yes we sure have been having some windy weather lately. Lucern Holder got home all OK Wed night said he had a fine time. No I went riding up in the Mts last Sunday we can go riding in the afternoons Sundays get a horse and saddle. If you want me to come home you'll have to do as the rest of the boys are doing getting telegrams but I have a way that will beat that. I think, you folks write a very plain letter to our Captain C. M. Smith - the same address as mine, asking him to let me go at your request. Also make it plain for business to that must be attended to at once tell him my banker wrote me 5 weeks ago to come as soon as possible and that I have been unable to get away tell him just how I left last fall on a few hours notice and was unable to fix up my business. Send it by special delivery, and write it as soon as you



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get this then I may be able to start home a week from Monday. We are going upon a 6 day hike this next week, and we wont get back until Sat. I dont suppose so be sure and have the letter there when we get back. Yes that Y. M. C. A. paper is bum.

Sam Hunter must be a sport. No, I dont know the song you spoke of but here is a good one - "I dont want to get well". I see by the paper the 42 Division or Rainbow Division are giving the dutch fits they are National Guardsmen the 117th Am Train is with them I got a letter from Louise tonight. So I wonder if I couldnt get Sheeny to meet me in Topeka call him up and if he will let me know I give him the job I could telegram him when I left so he could meet me then I could leave here one afternoon and get home before noon the next day if you folks would rather send a telegram send it to me. Say - Brother sick come if you can.

You know he wouldn't have to be much sick you see what I mean.

Hoping to hear from you soon and to see you all before long  
I am your loving brother James

of Co F 110th Horsed Section  
Ammunition Train  
Camp Doniphan  
Fort Sill Okla

be sure to address my mail all this way.

Addressed to:

Mr. Clarence and Floye Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.



## James Emerald Northrup, World War I soldier

YMCA

Fort Sill,  
May 7th, 1918.

My dear Sister:

Will drop you a few lines tonight as were all ready to move have all of our stuff loaded upon the cars and the camp cleaned up my such a time as we are having have to sweep the horse lots streets and road and haul the dirt off so there's not a piece of paper or any thing left here on the ground I think we'll probably go Wed. or Thursday but dont know for sure yet what day but we are all ready now and can go in a few hours notice. I got a nice picture of Lucy and Edith Adams yesterday, also a letter from Lucy, with all the news in it. She said she wanted to get me something for my birthday but as they had nothing in Blaine that suited her so she sent her picture instead, she said. I am sure glad she did'nt send any thing but the picture as we can't save anything now, but Government issue and I was sure glad to get the picture for it was a good one. Rec'd yours and Clarence's letter tonight was sure glad to hear from both of you and that Clarence done so well in school. In regard to me being treated bad by the letters I get. I dont care if school keeps or not get the idea. I am enjoying life and having a good time or at least think I am. I always get Josephine Cole's letters, guess the rest dont address them proper I am looking for that letter from Bill and her friend. I sure have quite a collection of pictures to take with me over there. Yes, Lilly sure is a good woman and thinks of her soldier brother sometimes. Well I dont know much to write as we're so busy I havent the time. Well be gone before you get this, but you can write the same as you have been and I will get it if you put it like I tell you here. Tell all the folks goodbye for me. Will write you when we stop as we probably wont go over for a few weeks. I am your brother James



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Co. F 110th Am Train  
35th Division, Horsed Section,  
60th Brigade,  
Ft Sill, Okla.

Addressed to:

Mr. Clarence Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.



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YMCA

Fort Sill, Dec. 12, 1917.

Dear Sister and All:

Will drop you a few lines tonight as I am at the "Y" again. We got out of quarantine today. I am fine and hope you folks are well. I got mother's letter and the papers and have mailed them to the Major General.

We sure have been having some cold weather but is better now. I got payed today and ordered \$10 worth of things for Xmas for you folks such as I knew you need worse. If father has a sheep lined coat he can return it to M. Ward & Co and get the money for something else. There is handkerchiefs for you girls and mother and stationary and a pair of mittens for Clarence and father, and 5 pounds of candy this will come by parcels post so look for it. I will send you folks some more money before long as I had \$38 after my insurance was paid and \$1.75 for the picture. I had some money from last month. We get one day off Christmas so I will not be home unless I am discharged, but I think I will get to come home sometime this winter. Did you get that picture I sent it a week ago. I got a letter from Sheeney today. I sure would like to send some Christmas gifts but we cannot get to town so thats why I sent to Montgomery Ward for these things. Now, tell mother not to worry about me for God will take care of us all and knows what is best. I was very sorry to hear you folks were having such a time getting along, but if I go to France I am going to have my wages sent home for God knows you folks need them worse than I. Wish you all a Merry Xmas and hoping you are all well I am your loving brother and son James.

I give my love and best regards to you all at home. Write soon I am sending home my old letters tomorrow look for them.

Addressed to:



## James Emerald Northrup, World War I soldier

Fort Sill Okla  
Dec 3 1917

Dear father Mother and all:

Will drop you few lines tonight as I am not busy I am well and hope your the same we are still having fall weather as it never gets very cold here we are still under quarantine for measles. We dont have to drill so very hard here as part of our work now is learning to talk upon Semifore system with 2 small flags. We are getting plenty to eat most of the time now for supper we had tomatoes cooked with scrap bread clerey bread potatoes and beef and mince pie so you see why we are getting fat. For breakfast we most always get warmed over spuds water gravey bread and beacon some times oat meal and toasties and they give us oleomargine most of the time which is good as for coffee I cannot drink it for it is sorry and you know I dont like good coffee very well We sure have got lots of clothes now here is what we have now 4 suits of underwear 2 cotton uniforms 2 wool uniforms 2 pairs shoes 4 paires of socks 3 towels 1 poncho 1 shelter half 3 wool blankets 1 cot 1 quilt and we are still to get some gloves and an overcoat we have leggins like we wear in the winter which we must wear all the time there is about 14 cripples in our company they are going to be discharged as they are good for nothing here I have never been down to Lawton, since I had my pictures made so I dont know when I will get them I got a letter from Sam Sheahan and he said he wanted out of the army as bad as he wanted in for walking was getting him we used to walk 8 to 10 miles a day in drilling we sure did get tired I guess you wondered why I wrote the kind of a letter to the Recorder I did well it would never do to tell the exact way some things are in public but we havent very much sickness some deaths from pheumonia and 2 with mengitis how are you getting along with the car I am going to send for some good plugs for you I have bought a big picture



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with flags and our presidents and our officers names and all of the men decorated with flags which I will send you in a few days and will send you money to frame it with You asked if they was any thing I wanted Yes I would like to have some candy as we sure get hungry for cake and candy I am getting quite a little mail heard from Mae and Wills Northrup and a few others last week What kind of fuel do you burn this winter we burn wood altogether hear they ship it in to us in 4 ft lgth and us boys cut our own wood I find some very interesting chapters in the bible one is Mark 12 and 13th chapters Well I must close for this time I think of you all at times and think how happy we used to be but well be all together again for I dont think this war will last so very long I remain as ever your loving brother and son James - a Soldier Boy

Addressed to:

Mr. Austin T. Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

YMCA

Fort Sill, Okla Dec 24, 1917

Dear folks:

Your very welcome letter rec'd tonight I am well and hope you are the same I also got all of the presents and I thank all of you for I am going to have a Merry Xmas. My love and thoughts are with Xmas even if I am not there I am sending you some post card pictures I had taken my good ones are not done yet I have got 6 packages so far To bad about Mrs. and the children my heart goes out in sympathy for orphan children they are having revival meetings at the Y now and I believe I will go for ward as I have always thought it the right way to do. I wish to thank Mrs. Tobey for the stationary and also the



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girls for the fine cake and pie and candy Loty sent me a bath towel and their picture I am having a good time as I can go to Lawton Saturday afternoon and come home Sunday night We took a 9 mile hike this morning we drill Xmas I wish to thank you all by the way I was remembered I will close with love and Best regards to you all

I am your loving brother & Son James

Addressed to

Mrs. Austin Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

YMCA

Fort Sill Jan 19 1918

My Dear Sis:

Your very welcome letter rec'd last week Was glad to hear from you and learn you are well which found me the same I sure wish I could go to Lyceum once more it makes me almost homesick every time some one writes about the good times they have there I hear from several of the girls on ridge but my furlough was turned down so I guess I will have to try again some one has to be sick and then you must have a telegram or certifate from a doctor before they let any one go So if any of you folks get sick and you send for me remember that I try to content myself and have a good time have never been homesick. Yes I got the pkg. you sent thank you I also got one from Aunt Ellen and Mary L. last week sure was kind of them to remember me so well We have 180 horses and we do mounted drill now We have quite a time keeping our toes and fingers warm. Some mornings as we have no overshoes they wouldn't let us wear them unless every one has them and they havent issued them yet. every man is dressed alike at all times they gave us caps and gloves they are good caps but the gloves soon wear out and they are not warm like mittens we buy extra



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gloves at the exchange sometimes when they have them we cant goto town let alone come home as we dont know when Sunday comes but I read my little testament every night and try to do right Some say well move soon but you never can tell when No one knows until we are packing up I now have a rifle and we have done some shooting I done real well as I am good with rifle We have some of the most death dealing war machinery you ever heard of if you send a telegram send it direct to me I have so much writing to do it sure keeps me busy

I heard from Alma last week do you folks know Wheelers address I'm going to send home some more old letters soon as they are stocking up

Lucien Holden and C Bonjour is in my tent with me I have made lots of friends since I been in the army the YMCA buildings are quarantined and closed for a good while now but we wouldnt have time to go any way well I must close for this time hoping this finds you folks all well I am your loving Brother

James

Addressed to

Mrs. A. T. Northrup,  
Blaine, Kansas.

Fort Sill, Okla

Jan 3, 1918

My Dear Mother

Your very welcome letter rec'd today and was sure glad to hear from home again I am well and hope you are the same The weather has been cold but it is better now. We sure are getting some hikes now or marches. Tureday we took a 10 mile march and I went on



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on guard Tuesday night and Wednesday and we took a 10 mile march that night and today we took a 20 mile march took our dinner and cooked them ourselves over a camp fire consisting of 1 potatoe 2 slices of bread and two pieces o beacon about 2 cents worth and we had a good dinner all these hikes were upon horse back bare back and no bridles sure are sore we each have two horses ride one and drive or lead the other buy the side. We go upon the mountains and way out in the country anywhere we take a notion thru ditches or anything I dont think you had better come down here as there is no place fit for a decent woman to stay here or in this town lawton and I think well get a chance to come home as we may be here until May it looks like now. Isure would like to see you mother Dear but you see the circumstances and you see by the picture I am a picture of health I have made an allotment of \$10 per month for you and the Govt may send you some more you may be some time getting it I am glad to hear my colts are doing fine. We have plenty of clothes and are getting lots to eat we have butter upon the table. Yes mother well have to make the best of everything I am so busy I cannot write any more dont worry I am safe here and well and I dont think this war will last much longer dont look it to me well I must close as I have 4 letters yet to answer tonight

I am your loving son

James.

Addressed to

Mrs. A. T. Northrup,

Elaine, Kansas.

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## James Emerald Northrup, World War I soldier

Fort Sill Okla

Jan 15 1918

Dear father and Mother

Your very welcome letter rec'd a few days ago. Was glad to hear from you I am well and hope this finds you folks the same We sure have been having some bad weather had a blizzard last Thursday and it was cold friday the letter you sent came and I applied for the pass or furlough last Saturday havent heard from it yet but if they dont grant it this time will try again Soon other companys are getting them . I was sorry to hear you froze the radiator but maybe it couldnt be helped. keep the old radiator for probably I can fix it some time when I come home your right about using it in the coldest weather but if I was there I could tell you how to fix it so you would never have that happen again I write you folks every week and some times twice I heard about old Seth getting his fair enough am glad to hear the coat fit you and suited you I had a letter from Pearl Will folks and Aunt Ellen and F. A. Train last week. My mail all comes at once for some reason I havent had a letter for several days now Something wrong. but I cant worry about that I have something else to do if I dont get a furlough will send you about \$5 and you folks use it where you need it the worst yes I knew Lucien Holder he's in my tent hs is alright you folks try and get along the best you can I dont think well se France . Of coarse we cannot tell but thats my opinion we are so busy doing odd jobs around camp we dont know when Sunday comes anymore hardly as we have no claendar if I come home will come via Topeka via Onaga will telegraph you I am as ever

Yours loving son James