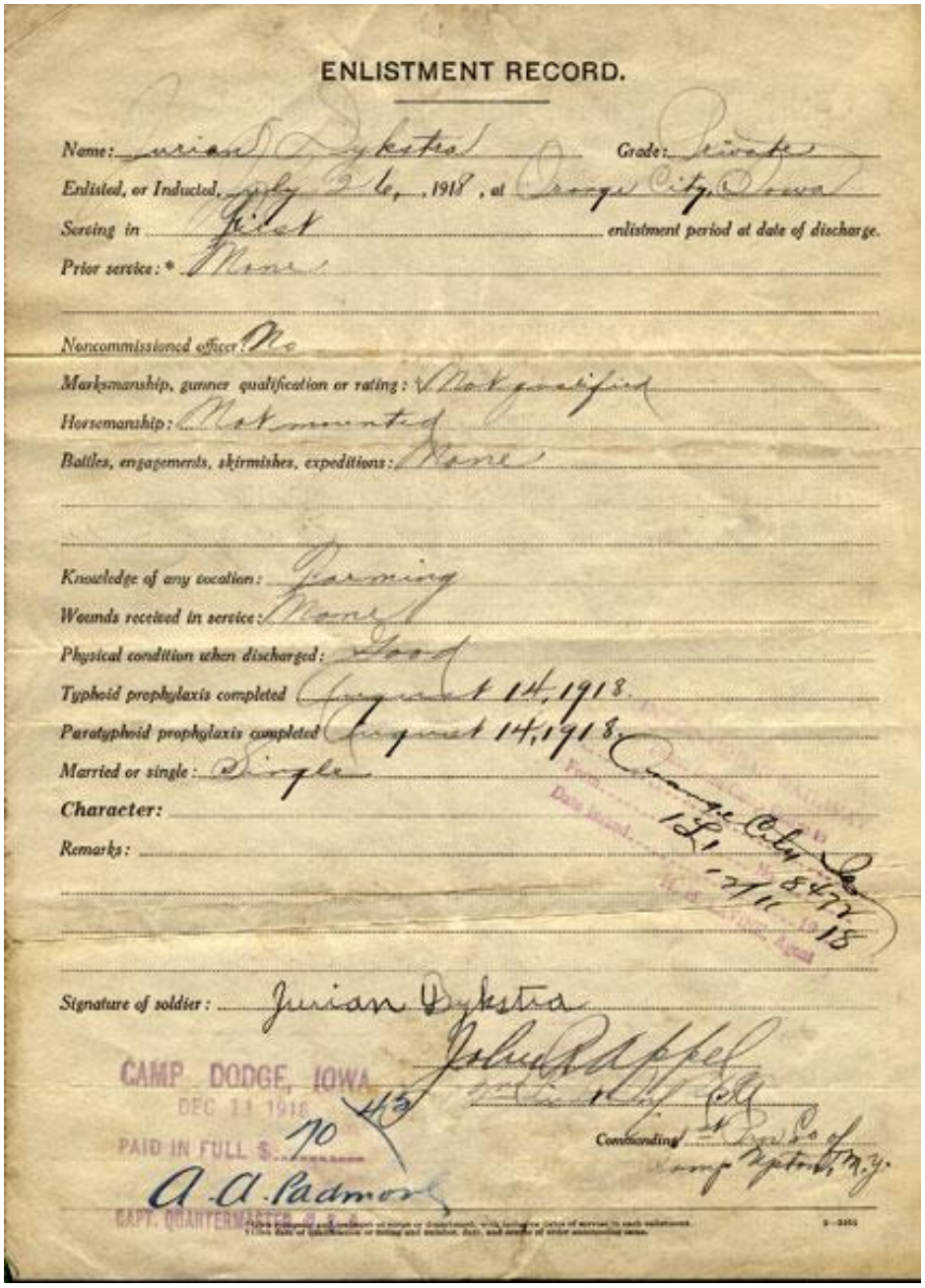
**Jurian (Jerry) Dykstra's 1918 Enlistment Record and Discharge paperwork – Orange City, Iowa (Sioux County)**



ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: Jurian Dykstra Grade: Private

Enlisted, or Inducted, July 26, 1918, at Orange City, Iowa

Serving in First enlistment period at date of discharge.

Prior service: * None

Noncommissioned officer: No

Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: Not qualified

Horsemanship: Not mounted

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: None

Knowledge of any vocation: Farming

Wounds received in service: None

Physical condition when discharged: Good

Typhoid prophylaxis completed August 14, 1918.

Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed August 14, 1918.

Married or single: Single

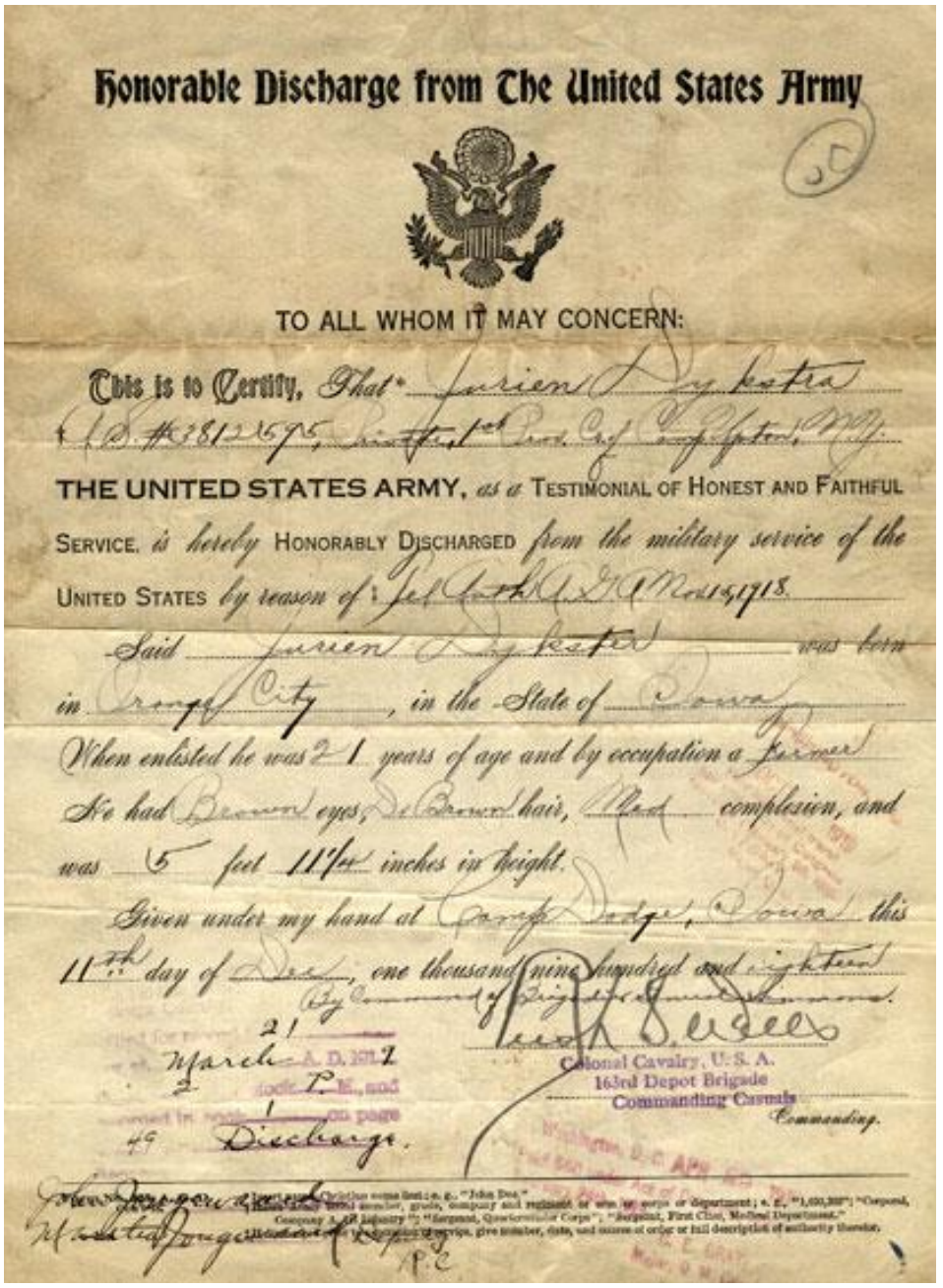
Character:

Remarks:

Signature of soldier: Jurian Dykstra

John R. Appel
1st Lieut. Inf. U.S.A.
Commanding 1st Regt. Co. of
Camp Upton, N.Y.

CAMP DODGE, IOWA
DEC 11 1918
PAID IN FULL $ 70
A. A. Padmore
CAPT. QUARTERMASTER U.S.A.



Honorable Discharge from The United States Army

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to Certify, That * Jurien Dykstra
U.S. #3812675, Private 1st Prov. Co. Camp Upton, N.Y.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY, as a TESTIMONIAL OF HONEST AND FAITHFUL SERVICE, is hereby HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the military service of the UNITED STATES by reason of: Inf. Letter W.D. A.G.O. Nov. 15, 1918.

Said Jurien Dykstra was born in Orange City, in the State of Iowa

When enlisted he was 21 years of age and by occupation a Farmer

He had Brown eyes, Dk Brown hair, Med complexion, and was 5 feet 11½ inches in height.

Given under my hand at Camp Dodge, Iowa this 11th day of Dec, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen

By [illegible]

Colonel Cavalry, U. S. A.
163rd Depot Brigade
Commanding Casuals
Commanding.

21
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49 Discharge.

* Insert here the full Christian name (not initials, e. g., "John Doe," not "J. Doe.") and middle name, grade, company and regiment or other organization, or arm or service or department; e. g., "1,000,000"; "Corporal, Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps"; "Surgeon, First Class, Medical Department."

Master Sergeant Rep. P.C.

## Private Jurian (Jerry) Dykstra's World War I dog tag

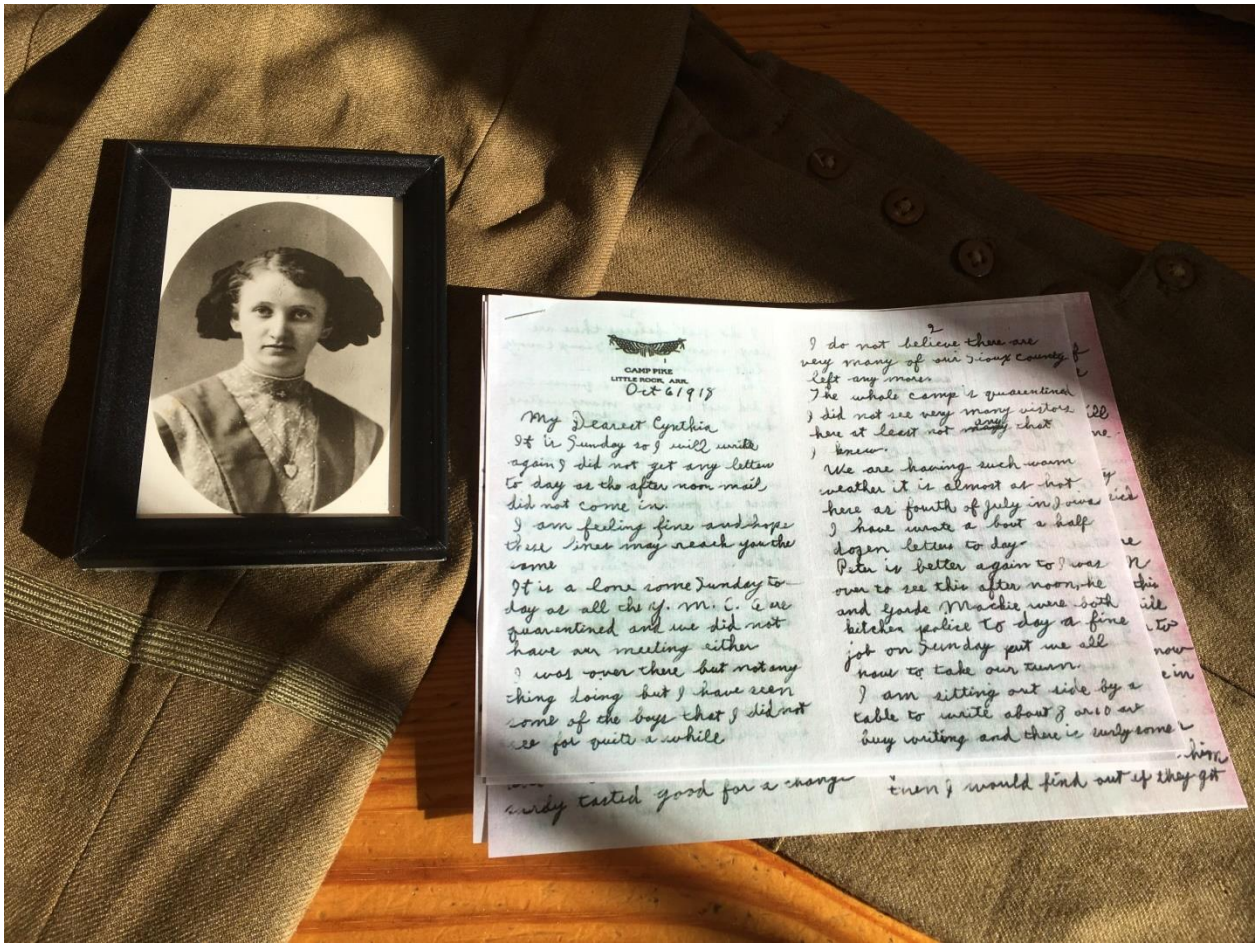
Each letter was pounded into the metal, hence the uneven lettering.  On the reverse side is Private Dykstra's service number.

## Private Jurian (Jerry) Dykstra's World War I uniform

**Private Jurian (Jerry) Dykstra's World War I uniform and suitcase**

**Private Jurian (Jerry) Dykstra's letter to Cynthia Meerdink**

**October 6, 1918**



CAMP PIKE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
Oct 6 1918

My Dearest Cynthia
It is Sunday so I will write again I did not get any letter to day as the after noon mail did not come in.
I am feeling fine and hope these lines may reach you the same
It is a lone some Sunday to day as all the U. S. M. C. are quarentined and we did not have our meeting either
I was over there but not any thing doing but I have seen some of the boys that I did not see for quite a while

I do not believe there are very many of our Sioux County [illegible] left any more
The whole camp is quarentined I did not see very many visitors here at least not many that I knew.
We are having such warm weather it is almost as hot here as fourth of July in June I have wrote a bout a half dozen letters to day
Peter is better again to I was over to see this after noon, he and Garde Mackie were both kitchen police to day a fine job on Sunday just we all have to take our turn.
I am sitting out side by a table to write about 8 or 10 are busy writing and there is only some [illegible]

[illegible] tasted good for a change [illegible] then I would find out if they got