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## Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker Undated

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Receiving Co. 46

Barracks B 27

Camp Joseph E. Johnston  
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dearest :-

The above address is my complete address for the present but can't say for how long. I hope for many months.

How is u? I am feeling much better this eve. My cold seems to be on the mend and a few days of this April weather here will make me a sound man again.

I just finished taking a long hot water bath and followed by a cold bath and I sure feel that I could travel in a minute now Ha! They do not feed us Salt-Peter here but Sulphur. That makes a person feel like a two year old and leaves a person with <sup>some</sup> ambition. You know I had plenty of ambition. I sure like



this place and do not long for my  
Indiana Home but for my  
Indiana Sweet heart and  
relatives. Florida is good enough  
for me if my friends were here  
"B" however just turn me loose  
and I would lose no time in  
traveling back to the "Banks  
of the Wabash." "Indiana" is quite  
a popular song here.

We have done nothing today only  
eat and play basket ball, foot ball  
and baseball. Our company was  
organized today, that only took  
about one hour. I sorely  
enjoyed a good nights rest last  
night.

It is raining here this eve, now  
6<sup>30</sup> P.M. just about time that  
Milton and Fred are shuffling  
that mail at home.

Quite a few here in civilian  
clothes. We have quite a time with  
them. Of course this life is new to  
them, while our month's training  
at Ft. Thomas gave us an idea  
of the things we are expected to do  
and so we have many laughs on



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them. I haven't seen any -  
thing of the boys today or that  
Eve. However I may see them  
somewhere before bed time.

Oh! Yes! and I dreamed of  
it again last nite. Not a bad dream  
but very pleasant.

The Y. M. C. A. is sure crowded  
here this eve. One of the Y's caught  
fire last night but fire was  
extinguished before much dam-  
age was done.

We have no one here but the  
I. M. Corp. This is the receiving  
station of the U. S. for the I. M.  
Corp. Quite an army of us here.  
Thousands of us. When we  
are examined here as to our  
ability etc. we will be assigned  
to some national cantonment  
or to foreign service.

I talked to Sergeant of our  
Company and he says that with  
the experience that I have had  
and by being in the Civil Service



proof is such that I have  
been an employee in the con-  
fidence of the Government and  
probably I will be assigned to  
some position as a court clerk.  
This however remains to be  
seen as to what I will have to  
do.

Raining here, not merely  
raining but just Pouring. If  
you were here, it would al-  
ways seem to be near anyone  
when it is raining. The sound  
of the raindrops is always  
pleasant to me. Don't re-  
member the night on the porch  
when it rained so hard? I  
shouldn't be recalling old  
memories and incidents to  
mind but yet why not. All  
my memories of you and  
your company are pleasant  
ones and a pleasure to re-  
call them. Sweet memories,  
sweeter by far than those of  
any other friend.

How is Jim and tell her  
I have never seen any col-



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ery here but see many things  
that I guess I won't starve.

We had for supper Coffee -  
Cake, beef, bread, gravy, I  
pudding and macaroni. That  
will keep us from starving. I  
havent seen any sugar here  
yet. Coffee is fine here if they  
serve any sugar at all.

I suppose Lyle L. Linds  
that delivering U.S. Mail is  
not such a Snap even if  
it dont last all day.

Suppose Jesse is at home  
and that your mother and father  
are well and Perry and Bertha  
how are they? And Poor Hugh  
H. is yet worrying yet I  
suppose. He had better get my  
white time is good for a time  
and ride with the fat man  
so U.S. Sam waits upon no man  
well, I always liked to write



with ink but when I began this letter, the bottle was empty, but has just been filled up.

I sometimes may not remember these letters correctly, for in remembering from one day to the next I may forget what the next should be but will number them as my memory suggests, "C".

A letter from u. would look mighty good, for think I have not a word since last Saturday but I shall get there bye and bye.

How does Oletha act now?  
and how is father acting? Do he as much in for real for sure loving as his son? Ha! Of course you can only judge by his actions.

I think I only have made one new year's Resolution for 1918 and that was to remain true as steel to u. That will be the easiest resolution of my life and surely will not be hard for me to live up to, no temptations in the army and if there were it would not need fear for I shall be "true" to my Hoosier Sweetheart who longs and waits.





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for me.

How do you sleep these fine nights? On your back the same as ever I suppose. How nice that would be for me if I were there, "G". Just as nice as for u however too! What's good for one is good for another, isn't it.

Does Delta ever hear from Ernest? Tell her to tell Ernest that I send him my kindest regards and will meet him in France or Berlin. Have they ever heard from Lester Swain?

Well, Opal, if I had a thousand chances to come back and be drafted, I would not do it. I think we boys did the correct thing and I know we are doing our duty and in serving our Country we are serving our friends and dear ones at home. I know our Country is in the right and right is sure to overcome the wrong in time.



Hoping this find you O.K.  
I love

Yours forever

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