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## Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, April 29, 1918

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Dearest:-

Another day gone and very little to tell you. I am O.K. Studebaker and all. Ha! That expression just made tells the tale doesn't it? It should signify that I passed our physical Exam today. Not much chance of fleecing U.S. out of any salary. Ha! If you aren't O.K. W.C. pay stops until you are. In other words U.S. don't intend to pay any one who has been the cause of his own disability.

As for myself, I am sound and can give a Ford a first-rate chase. Did I see you smile? I presume that you did.

Almost every time that we have an exam, two or three out of the company have chased the wrong Ford and got the worst of it. Well off to the hospital they go and are kept there for about six months

until they are completely cured.  
That's six months for them  
without pay or privileges. "C"

If a soldier don't want to get  
stung he had better leave all  
Ford's alone for not only may he  
get stung by them, but he will  
also get stung by N.S. I have  
a horror of them so I shall  
save all my energy for the future.

So much for that I am sound  
and will stay that way  
again and in school. I  
don't know how long this course  
will last but am told it may  
be so much as eight weeks.

From indications it is going to  
be a very hard & strenuous one as  
it is to cover so wide a scope.

It is to cover 6 days a week  
and I presume I shall be very  
busy. I can only remark that  
when qualified we may render  
just as essential service as if  
we were in the trenches them-  
selves. I presume when this  
course is finished I shall be  
assigned to some special work  
at some special place.

I finished my other course a

Week or so ago and now  
am selected to receive another  
course which I hope will turn  
me out what they need. I am  
willing to do any-thing that  
the Government sees best. Our  
instructor is from the office of  
the D.M. Genl at Wash and a  
civilian so I presume he will  
give us some very valuable  
instructions. The instructors  
of our other school were Soldiers  
who had been for some time in  
the D.M.C. I could tell you  
many things about our last  
course, which discouraged all who  
attended it and was of little  
significance only that it showed  
who were energetic and who were  
good students. Because of my  
record in this course I was  
selected as one to take the  
present course. Those who proved  
to be poor scholars are not to  
attend this school but have gone  
to labor, Remount and various  
other companies. I have no intent-  
ion of complimenting myself but

am speaking of facts that  
confront us. Many did not study  
or work. While many of us work-  
ed like the real devil. Will we  
get nothing out of it only the  
opportunity to attend the course I  
am now taking. I very frankly  
say that I would far rather  
receive the training with a  
gun, but no matter what U.S.  
says I shall do I will do it with  
my greatest & best efforts.

Should I fail to write as often  
as much remember that I  
am not neglecting you but that I  
am using my time for my work.  
Every thing is uncertain in  
an army so I shall not attempt to  
say what my work will be after  
finishing the course before me.

The harder I work the more con-  
tented I can be so "work" is my  
slogan but let "rest" be your slogan.

Well I just saw a fair sex  
pass here, just like all of them.  
They are so thin that they are  
almost transparent and one  
would almost have to shake  
the sheet to find them.

Glad that we cannot say that

about our Hoosier maidens.

The girls can't help it. It is the fault of a warm climate. Warm climate is a foe to flesh, so if you are fat come to me. (Parlow me I meant Florida)

I saw Gordon Marshall here Saturday. His wife is down here with him. Very nice arrangement indeed! I never could figure why he was so pale and peaked but since I saw his wife here, I have solved the question. Ha! Better send her home a few days and become a regular soldier. Ha!

Will we go to school from 7 A.M. to 12 M. Study in the Afternoon but as a school boy never studies the 1<sup>st</sup> day. You will see why I am writing such a long letter.

Oh, yes! I am still awaiting that photo of you. One in all your pleasantness as was Jim's. "C"

I will send you a little

picture of myself which a boy took with his vest pocket camera (mum) If H. S. Brewster he would get it

Oh Say! How much do u (way) weigh? I weigh 157. No one could tell the difference however. The sense of pressure resulting from 153 lbs (my weigh as a civilian) could never be differentiated from my weigh of 157. Ha! Scales only could detect the difference. How did you smile over that suggestion or conclusion?

And Dearest I must close with sweetest memories of you and your kindnesses. I will write as often as possible.

Yours always

Wus



"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Opal V. Baker,  
Sulphur Springs,  
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