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## Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, May 19, 1918

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Sunday May 19, 18.

Dearest:-

Just finished a letter to my mother and father and will answer your letter received today. You spoke of not receiving mail from me for two or three days. Please do not feel uneasy if this in the future shall extend to weeks. There may be time when you may not hear from me for weeks but it shall be no fault of mine. I shall write every opportunity that I have and will think of you all the time and that is about all that any one person can do isn't it?

If I have ever broken a promise I have never intended to and when I requested Foreign Service, I did it be-

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cause the call of my sense of duty was too strong to resist. I know how you feel concerning me leaving the U.S. for those at home are worrying always. Please think not of what I might do, but what I should do. I assure you that the red-blood of my veins can not resist the call from across the sea.

Wherever I may be my sympathy and admiration goes out to you and should my future be unfeeling, do not let it mar your happiness, for if I do not return to bring you happiness, I truly hope that some other may bring to you the happiness that you so highly deserve.

I know these remarks may bring sorrow to you, but I do not wish to build you up with such great hopes only to have them shattered in a moment's notice. Only remember the seriousness of our





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duties and that we must honorably discharge these duties no matter how great the dangers and results may be to us as individuals. Truly I do not fear for my own future or fate for I have thoughts of doing only my duty whatever they may be, but my heart goes out to those of my friends and relatives especially to you when I think of the anxiety and unpleasantness that all will suffer from my departure with the U.S. If you could only see as we soldiers do you could then rest much easier I am sure.

I know it is a double-blow for my father and mother to know that I will depart, but

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To all who suffer I can only say,  
"Remember Remember that ~~there~~  
tears and pleadings have no  
effect upon the stone hearts of  
our Adversaries." "To touch them  
with steel and lead is the only  
course left to us." It is a  
matter of the "Survival of the  
fittest." America shall prove  
her-self the "fittest." Let your  
smiles be not one of sorrow but  
one of triumph. Let your thoughts  
of Germany be those of Contempt,  
which are so fittingly for a nation  
who would destroy civilization  
Wall Opal end of this, I  
am sure that you are able to  
realize and analyze facts as  
they exist. My fondest hopes  
are that the future may  
be a realization of the happiness  
of all that could be desired.  
Forget the dangers as I do  
and say by say your time will  
be pleasantly spent.

I do not know but rather  
thing, I shall be sent to em-  
barkation point, the same





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place as Bryant.

I truly hope I may meet him "Over There."

I was down to see Luther today. I luckily found a friend with a pass to and from the Detention Camp.

L. & I passed in and out without out trouble and got to talk with him about 2 hours. Was certainly glad to see him once again before I left. He + L. G.

planned for some amusement. Whenever he gets into the main Camp. We cheered the Chap up considerable and he was in good spirits when I left.

With truest of all messages I wish to say that I am as

contented with my lot as any one  
could be. I rejoice with the  
opportunity at hand.

I shall write you every oppor-  
tunity that I have.

With sweetest thoughts and  
memories of you I wish you all  
happiness in the world.

With love and devotion I am  
yours

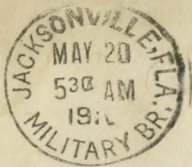
Mrs  
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P.S. Am hoping this is my last  
Sunday at Camp Johnston





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Miss Opal Baker,  
Sulphur Springs,  
Henry County, Indiana



