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I think Newport news will see
our Embarkation Point.



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Dearest :-

Will write again possibly
my last letter from Camp Johnston
to you, but why care for that?
A letter from some other place
will do just as well won't it?

I heard from Virgil Dale
today. He is in France. Well
I shall soon be there to join
him and Bryant. I also heard
from a first cousin of mine
today who also is in France.
I didn't even know he was in
the army. So you see I will
not meet all strangers there.
I know dozens of men who
I made friends with here have
gone before me. I also hope to
meet many of them over
there.

Received a letter from

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TO THE FOLKS AT HOME: SAVE FOOD; BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

You today also one from
mother and father and am
trying to answer them.
mother and father wanted to
know what my duties were.

I told them in my letter
and if you want to know
you can find out of them.

I could not refuse to tell
them at their request. Perhaps
it best that I did for I do not
wish anyone to have a great
shock should it come. Better
to enlighten them and thus
in a way pave the way for
what might follow.

All of our Company is certain-
ly delighted and no finer
bunch of boys are found any-
where.

now let H. H. and any
that want to say we joined the
I. M. C. to get out of danger.
Bryant & Fergal have far
more dangerous work than
the Infantry for they work
in the open without the

L. G. is at the Y. now. He is O. K. and yet somewhat discontented to see all the boys leaving.



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protection of the Trenches. I shall not say concerning my own dangers otherwise than I have not selected such as would draw dishonor to me. Follow Supply Co 311 and I assure you that Germans you will see and they won't be prisoners either. I am now able to serve double purpose for I have received a diploma as a reward for my work in school here. This diploma shows that I am fitted for clerical duties of the D. M. C. I have honor of taking a four weeks course the last (four) which but fourteen in camp took. It was a course fitting me for clerical duties in almost any Dept. of the D. M. C. I am not saying this to get praise or

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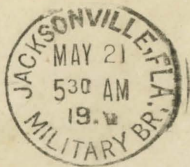
any thing but my statements
will be verified by school officials
here. I had the opportunity of
being an Instructor in the I. M.
Course here, but can not see
fit to accept a position as "The
man behind the Desk". I started
to tell you I was fitted to serve a
double purpose. Well here it is.
First I shall serve my country
physically, and if I become
physically unfit, then I shall
be content to further serve as
a "man behind the desk". When
Woodrow Wilson's picture looks down
upon the Kaiser, then I shall be
satisfied to return to a country
which has preserved civilization for
humanity.

I Trust that you are happy and
really contented. Your photos are a
source of pleasure to me. Across
the deep blue sea you (your picture)
will travel with me.

With Love and devotion, I am
Yours in ever living memory.
Wes



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Miss Opal Baker,
Sulphur Springs
Henry County, Indiana

