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My Queen of Hoosierland:-

My time is very limited  
so a short letter will be the result.

Rec'd letters today from  
my father, your mother and  
you. Enjoyed the contents of  
all to a great degree.

Tell your father send papers  
for voting if he chooses for I  
presume I am old enough to vote.  
Ha. If it is inconvenient  
for him to do so, just never  
mind.

I received a letter from  
Bryant and according to  
his letter he was to sail on  
Saturday last. I presume  
he wrote the folks to that  
effect. The fact that he

goes before me creates a greater longing and desire to go myself.

I know you will condemn me when I tell you the following I was called before our C.O. (Commanding Officer) and offered a place as Company clerk of a Rec. Company which would have kept me here for the duration of the War. After a talk I prevailed upon the C. O. to select some one else for I had a brother who would be in France and who I had promised I would meet there. I enlisted to see foreign service and now that Bryant goes before me I shall make every effort to get the

opportunity of seeing France  
as soon as possible. Blame  
me if you will but I am  
only acting as the spirit  
within me directs. I shall  
take my chance along with  
the thousands of others  
I presume Bryant wrote  
mother and father. Now it  
is of no use to worry. It  
makes my blood boil to  
think that the D- Kaiser  
stands between us and peace  
until he and his followers  
are exterminated. It is for  
us to fight to the bitter end.

I look forward to a future  
of happiness and intend  
to do my part if possible  
in achieving it. If fate  
is against me then I have  
served humanity in the  
best that I could.

and always you may  
see a smile from me for  
everyone and everything  
that confronts me.

All we ask of those at  
home is to let worry take  
care of itself, rejoice that  
America is in the right and  
constantly remember, "It is  
never as bad as it might  
has been." This is not a  
very cheerful letter but  
it is just as you make  
it cheerful or gloomy so  
make it cheerful, I am  
contented and happy as a  
lark and hope you are the  
same. With sweet mem-  
ories of a Hoosier Queen  
I am

Yours

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Miss Opal Baker,

Sulphur Springs

Indiana

Henry County.