

Thanksgiving Day, 1918.



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2nd Co. Prov. Tr. Bn.  
Inf. Rpl. + Tr. Troops.  
Camp Grant, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Silvers,

Holidays in the army  
are surely great things.  
The only trouble is they don't  
come often enough. I've  
been wanting to write to  
your department and  
at last think I have  
time.

Soon I'm to be  
mustered out of the  
service, for as you



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know, unattached officers are merely a useless expense now. They are looked at in the same way mothers-in-law are looked upon in civilian life.

As you know, my service began on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and instead of going to France, was shipped out here to Illinois, a thousand miles farther away from the front than when I was in Jersey. So I haven't

any exciting or interesting tales to tell.

The Replacement Unit was nearly ready to sail when the Armistice was signed and it surely was interesting to note the different reactions upon the men. Some of the best immediately lost all interest. With others, the removal of danger made ~~them braver~~ them brave overnight. In the lay-out classes the change was



especially noticeable. They are all happy, tho, and thankful, too.

The work of demobilization is already started. A certain detachment was at sea when they received orders to return to the U.S. They were sent here to Grant, then. They have their overseas equipment and, having passed outside the three mile zone, are entitled to the three months' service stripe, yet they never even reached France. It must have been a great



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disappointment to them.

Rudolph Illig '20  
is quartered in the  
same barracks with  
me. C. J. Post '20 is  
nearly too.

Illig keeps me  
pretty well informed on  
college affairs. He has  
one of your new quarterlies  
and it surely is a  
treat to see it. The  
last glimpse I had of  
the old college was



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from a car window about 2:00 A.M.,  
while en route from Plattsburg  
to Chicago, via Philadelphia. The  
number of gold stars surprised me  
and I'm proud to think that over  
a thousand other Rutgers men  
are in uniform.

Taps flows every night, even  
holidays, so must close

Sincerely yours,

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2nd Lieut. Inf. U. S. A.



December 3, 1918

Lieutenant Samuel E. Burr,  
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Dear Lieutenant Burr,

It was good of you to write your letter of November 28th, and I appreciate your interest in the Bureau and the college. Are you planning to return to Rutgers on January 2nd if you are mustered out by that date? We are all hoping that you will be back with us next term.

Very sincerely yours,