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R. D. Buttler

EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.
U. S. A.

Dear Earl;

Received the first letter and was very glad to get it. I am looking forward to receiving the next letter and I think the scheme is fine.

You have the correct address which I think will be permanent for me.

With best wishes for Christmas, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Irving D. Butler

France

16 Nov 1918.

Dear Carl;

Here comes the letter that I "have always been meaning to write". I have received the college letters and Alumni Quarterly and have sure enjoyed them immensely.

Yesterday I was rambling along in the ambulance somewhere between Sedan & Verdun when I passed John Riker '18. He is a 1st Lieut and was riding his horse in front of a bunch of artillery horses. He said he expected to be with the Troops of Occupation in Germany. He was looking big and healthy as ever.

About six weeks ago I met Pete Ainsworth. I chatted with him for about 20 minutes before he had to move on. He said he was trying to get his Heavy Artillery moved up but was having quite a time to keep up with the progress of the Yanks.

Altho I have been here 16 months I haven't met any other Rutgers men and I know there are a lot around too but altho I have tried I have been unable to bump into any others.

I suppose you know there are two fellows in this regiment: Allen, '19 & Lipscomb '15 or '16. We see each other quite often.

As to souvenirs, I suppose you have plenty of helmets, hats & gas masks. They are about all we are allowed to send thru the mail. The more interesting are much harder to get but I am keeping on the look-out for them and take a day off every once in a while & roam thru the fields that haven't been salvaged yet. But the dough-boys as they go along pick up all the Iron Crosses, letters, diaries & German money so there isn't much left to those who come along later. If I can get anything of interest for the college collection I will surely send it.

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Now we are looking forward to getting home again. Reports say that as near as possible men will be sent home in the order that they came over and as we are supposed to be among the first 20,000 we should have a good chance of getting home soon.

The old college must have changed greatly and will seem much different to those of us who come back to finish. I am hoping to complete my last year when I get back.

Between the college letters and the ones from my Father I am kept pretty well posted on the college doings. It must be interesting to have everything run on a military basis and no chapel or is there chapel still?

Well, I must close now. Remember me to any of the fellows who are around that know me. Good luck to you & best wishes for success in your work

Sincerely,
Irving D. Buttler.

Censored
F. C. Ashcroft
Major, Med. Cps., U.S.A.

Sgt 1/c Irving D Buttler.
Medical Detachment,
11th Engineers USA - Amer Forces.

From Sergeant Irving D. Buttler '18

France, November 16, 1918

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December 10, 1918.

Sergeant Irving D. Buttler,
Medical Detachment,
11th Engineers, U.S.A. Amer. Forces,

Dear Irv:-

Your letter of November 16th which has just reached me, is very welcome. I have been wondering off and on for the past year if you have been receiving our college bulletin and it is good to know they have been both received and appreciated. I do hope that you will return home among the first assignments, and that you will be able to complete your course here at the college. Practically all of the boys who left during their senior year to enter the war are coming back again so you will be in good company.

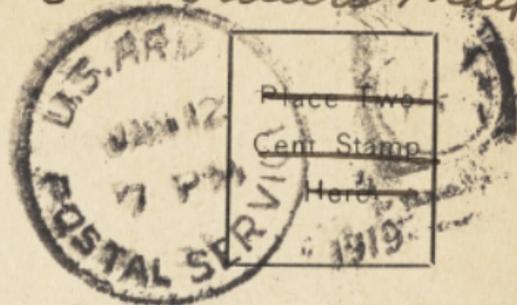
With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Ap't 9 D Butler
Med Det - 11th Regt
Am E F - France

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U.S. Soldiers Mail.



Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

U.S.A.

W. D. Asher
Major Med. Corp
U.S.A.

Commercy-Meuse-France
5th January 1919.

Dear Earl:

Have received letters regularly
and surely appreciate them. We
are preparing to leave for the
U.S. at any moment. Seems too
good to be true.

Best wishes
D.D. Butcher.



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Sgt 1/2 I.D. Buttler Med Det.
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CORRESPONDANCE

ADRESSE

14 Feb 1919.

Very glad to get your
letter a few weeks ago.

We are pointed towards
home & at present are
near Bordeaux. Hope to
be on the old campus soon.

Yours
I.D. Buttler.

Censored by
H. Ashcroft
Major, med. cpr. USA.

Mr Earl Red Silvers

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