

Somewhere in France

Sept. 21, 1918

Dear Mr. Silvers,

Yesterday I was the very much pleased recipient of your War Service Bureau letter number twenty-five. Mail is a great boon to us over here, and such interesting mail is doubly welcome. The War Service Bureau is absolutely new to me, but I wish to endorse the idea most heartily, and I will be anxiously on the lookout for all future letters.

Although my stay at Rutgers was very short, I never put any time to better advantage. I made some awfully good friends, built up some very pleasant associations, and I have been and always expect to be interested in everything that pertains to the college.

The letter was particularly interesting in that it mentioned "Mike" Herschmar. "Mike" and I went to Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn together and played on the same football team. I must own up to the fact that I had not heard that Rutgers had courses open to women, so you see the good that you are doing in spreading the news I also expect to follow up the coming football season through your letters.

I have been keeping my eyes "peeled" for Rutgers men over here, but so far I haven't run in to any. I had a nice letter from "Jimmy" Willener '16 who is in the Naval Reserve with Bob Hast, as no doubt you know.

My outfit is undergoing its first trip to the lines

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We came over in May, and have been training for several months under ~~the~~ tutelage in the ~~of~~ of France. We have been acting as reserve forces in the recent American drive and all hands are glad to get into it. I attended a Signal school for seven weeks and my present assignment as a signaler in a Machine Gun Battalion is very interesting.

I suppose that "Sandy" is still on the job and that we are going to have another great year at football. I would like very much to be remembered to him, and I wish the team all sorts of success in the coming season.

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Co. C. 309th M.G. Bn
American E. F.

Sincerely,
Hugh B. Cole
E. F. '19

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October 19, 1918

Hugh B. Cole,
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American E.F.

Dear Mr. Cole:

I am glad that you enjoyed your first letter from the war service bureau and I hope that succeeding bulletins will reach you in due time. I find that a good many of our students who were only at Rutgers for a year or so still have the interest of the college at heart and are as loyal Rutgers men as those who have been with us for a longer time. I know that we can always count you among our list of alumni who will not lose interest in the college.

Our football team promises to be a wonder with all of last year's men still in college with the exception of Whitehill and Rendall. This afternoon we are going to play the Pelham Bay Naval Reserves, and next week if we are lucky, we will tackle the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. Sandy is still here and is teaching the boys the same kind of football which has made both him and the college famous.

With kindest personal regards,

Cordially yours,