



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WAR ACTIVITIES



Dear Mr. Silvers,

September 22, 1918

I received your service letter of August 23. This is the first I have gotten and have been entirely ignorant of the Service Bureau, therefore you have not heard from me before.

The letter is just what I have been wishing for over here. Some thing that would give me the news of my college. I was very sorry and greatly surprised to read in your letter of Chester Cully's death. He was my friend, class mate and fraternity brother. It was quite a shock indeed for I had not heard of it before.

At present I am on detached service with the Service of Supplies, S.O.S. of which you have heard I suppose. It is rather hard to believe me in that branch are really doing our part to win the war but every one tells us we are. Most of us feel that a gun is necessary to be a soldier, but I guess it is not. I have been over here since July 28, 1918, and in service since April 30, 1918. I have moved around a good bit and seen quite some of France. I like the



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army life but there is no place like
the U. S. A. I have not been as yet in
any real fighting but hope with the
rest of us to get into soon. The boys on
the line are surely giving Berlin some-
thing to think about now. I will write
again now that I know of your Bureau.

Sincerely yours

William F. Davis

Class of 1920.

Pvt. William F. Davis

Division of Construction & Forestry,
Service of Supplies,

A. P. O. 717

American F. F.

France.

O. K.

P. M. (Clausen)

2ND LT. ENGR. J.

October 24
1918

Private William F. Davis
Division of Construction & Forestry,
Service of Supplies,
A.P.O. 717 Am. E.F.

My dear Mr. Davis:

I am always glad to have letters from men who have not written before and your letter of September 22nd is very much appreciated. We are glad to know that you are doing your part in winning the war and we feel sure that the work in which you are engaged is very necessary to bringing about the result which we all desire. The war service letters will go to you regularly, I hope.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

A.P.O.

DATE January 6, 1919.

PT. WILLIAM F. DAVIS

D. of C. & F., S. O. S.

A. P. O. 717

AMERICAN F. F.

FRANCE.

Dear Mr. Silvers,

Received your letter #30 this week and am trying to begin the New Year right by writing you. You can bet everyone of us is glad and thankful that the end has come and that peace again reigns over the world.

I have been stationed here at Tours five months out of the six I have been in France, so have had no hand in the actual fighting. It has even been hard to realize there was a war back here.

But I know some one had to do the work back here and I happened to be one of the unlucky ones or lucky just as you want to call it.

Well, when the news of the signing of the armistice reached us here, the Frenchies just went wild. What ever they were doing, was dropped

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and they went out to celebrate. That night there was sure a wild time. one that I know we boys will never forget. The crowds - the streets were jammed. you had to fight your way through. There were fire works and the military band furnished the music. The Frenchies were crazy for nearly two weeks after the eleventh.

Being where I am I can not help out much in collecting war relics. There are not many here that one can get a hold of, but if I should be sent at anytime where I can receive any I will remember Old Rutgers.

Before I forget it I have sent in your postal card to the American University Union and if I ever get to Paris I shall certainly go there and register personally.

I have followed the season with our foot-ball team by means of the New York papers which I receive. I was sorry

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that we lost the two big games of the season. I was not able to figure it out at first for I did not know there was no training table or scrimmaging. I thought most likely it was lack of condition but until I received your letter did not the cause.

If all goes well and I reach home by that time I hope to come back to college next fall. I am firm in my determination to return. The only question is will I be home and out of the army by then. One can never tell what the army will do with him. If I am back in time I will also be with you at the reunion in June. Here's hoping!

Looking forward to your next letter and thanking you for the ones I have received I am

O. K.
Wm. F. Davis

Respectfully yours,
William F. Davis.

January 8, 1919.

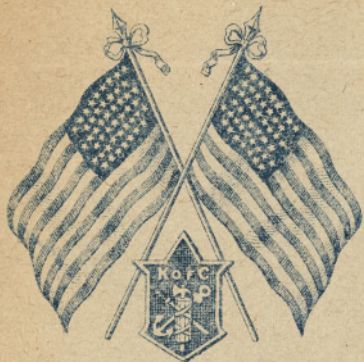
Mr. Frederick Davis,
29 Colonial Terrace,
Nutley, N.J.

My dear Mr. Davis:-

Thank you very much for your check for \$3.00, \$1.00 for subscription to the Alumni Quarterly of your son, William F. Davis, and \$2.00 to help send the magazine to our boys in France. It is very good of you to send us this money and we appreciate your kind generosity.

Very sincerely yours,

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A.P.O.

DATE *March 4, 1919.*
Corp. William F. Davis
D. S.C. & F., S. O.S.
A.P.O. 717
Am. E. F.
France.

Dear Mr. Silvers

This is to let you know I have not forgotten you or Old Rutgers. Our letters have come more or less regularly each month bring their welcome bits of news about college life at New Brunswick. I am glad that things are more like old times back there now. To bad we cld not hit Princeton at basketball but we'll do it yet.

There is not much news to write about here. However, this morning the usual monetary was broken. General Pershing inspected us here at S.O.S. Headquarters. After the inspection, he gave us a short address in which I thanked us for our services during the war.

I hope I will be able to be with you all on June 9, but prospects just now are not very bright.

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one can never tell what will happen
however, so here's hoping.

As to souvenirs, I am not located
where I can get them. Of course, the
French have them for sale around
town but the prices are very high. Besides
there are many that are not real,
being made right here in France.
So you don't always know what
you are getting. Should I have the
chance to pick up something
suitable, I will remember Old Putz's.

Sincerely yours
William F. Davis.

O. K.

Wm. F. Davis

2ND LT. ENGR. A

March 27th, 1919.

Corporal William F. Davis,

D. of C. L. F., S. O. S.,

A. P. O. 717, Amer. E. F., France.

Dear Corporal Davis:-

Thank you very much for your letter of
March 4th.

We are glad to hear of General Pershing's
visit, and glad to know, too, that you are hoping to be with
us at our big reunion on June 9th.

If you can, without inconvenience, send
us a few souvenirs we shall be very grateful.

Cordially yours,

ERS/b

29 Colonial Terrace
Nutley N.J. May 18/1919

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College New Brunswick N.J.

Dear Sir

Your letter No 36 and other contents directed to William F Davis has been duly received at his home but I am sorry to say that William is still in France

I forwarded your former letter in regard to the war service record of Rutgers men, and have reminded him of it in my letter to him today -

Would suggest that you mail him duplicates of letters 36 and those accompanying it -

I will retain the originals here in case he arrives here unexpectedly -

I feel sure that he would be glad to be with you June ninth and tenth -

I could give you the bare facts of his work history if you care to have it, but it would be better and fuller if supplied by him -

As father of a Rutgers man I am deeply grateful to the College for the deep and unflinching interest shown in the welfare of the men of the College

Yours very sincerely
Frederic Davis

May 20th, 1919.

Mr. Frederic Davis,
29 Colonial Terrace,
Nutley, N. J.

My dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 18th. I thank you for your continued interest in the College.

Let us hope that your son will return shortly to the United States. As we do not intend to publish our War Book for several months, he will undoubtedly be able to fill out his service blank himself.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

ERS/b

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



U. S. A. GENERAL HOSPITAL, No. 41

FOX HILLS, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Ward #31.

July 6, 1919.

Dear Mr. Silvers,

Here is my record as I can remember it. As I am still in service I can not complete it but if it is not too late when I am discharged will send you the rest of the desired information.

I am sorry not to have been able to get this to you sooner. I have been moving around so much that I have not been able to get any mail, so knew nothing about it until recently when I was able to get home. I hope it is not too late now.

Respectfully,

William F Davis