



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

EARL REED SILVERS  
RUTGERS COLLEGE  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Dear Silvers

Graduated  
from Tr. School.

Recommended for  
commission. Am  
now attached to  
Co. A 311<sup>th</sup> Inf and  
am drilling recruits

~~X~~ Elroy W. Steedle  
Sd. - -  
Same thing applies to  
me as I imagine Dad  
told you. & of us here  
130 recruits and some job.  
Come down.  
Bob Dooling



Dear Reed.

Just heard of your good luck.  
I sincerely send my congratulations  
and am glad it was a boy to  
meet with your hopes.

I'm real busy here at Camp  
Dix. Am appointed 1<sup>st</sup> Serg of Co M.  
of the 311<sup>th</sup> Inf and we are having  
lots of work getting the men in trim  
in the day & keeping records correctly  
at night.

I've intended writing before  
to Rahway but kept putting it off.

Give my best to Edythe &  
Reed Jr. and all the other folks. If  
you get time come over & see army life.

As ever

Bob

311<sup>th</sup> Inf.

Co M.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917.



## OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

CAMP DIX, N. J.

STUDENT CO. No. 1

Sunday, Mar. 17 118

Dear Reed -

Have gotten around to sending out some checks so here is one for you. Was looking for you down today but of course the quarantine interfered. Its been a long time since I cleaned you up in that last game of golf but Ill bet I would hold true to form should we meet again. Bud + I played baseball a while today in the line of a diversion. We are working pretty hard + long hours but seem to be holding up under it pretty good. This coming week we spend nearly the whole week in the trenches. I hear that we sleep in the dugouts a night or two but am not sure of that now. Rifle range comes the next week I believe. We are now taking marches under full pack + that brings you back with a desire to get a good nights sleep.

Too bad that we couldn't get arrangements made that would work to get together at Rahway last week. It surely is too uncertain when we will



be able to get away from here under  
the present conditions. Maybe it  
will be a little different in a  
month or so & we can arrange it  
then. Eda & I both thank you for  
the invitation to stay at your house  
& I'm sure we would have had a  
good time.

Guess I'll have to close now  
as it's getting near Retreat time.

Remember me to Edythe & I  
hope the kid is coming along  
good as I hear he is some boy.

As ever

Bob



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Camp Dix Apr. 19, 1918.

Dear Pil:-

My future address will be  
Co M. 311<sup>th</sup> Inf., Camp Dix, N.J. so  
far as I can see now. Will leave  
this afternoon for a 9 day leave. Dad  
will be able to tell you if I got  
recommended.

Good luck

Bob Dooling



October 16, 1918

Lieut. Robert Dooling,  
13 Battalion,  
153rd Depot Brigade,  
Camp Dix, N.J.

Dear Bob:

Your letters, although far between, are always very welcome. Sometime I will write you personally and give you all the intimate gossip of Rahway and the fraternity, but just now there is only time for this brief acknowledgement. It is good to know that you are so near home and that you can get to see Ida so often. Rahway is just about the same as ever. Mkkk is now over a year old and both walks and talks. Newie Chase started in Rutgers on September 17 and joined the fraternity. But a new ruling from Washington made him ineligible for the S.A.T.C. and so he has dropped out for a year. Dorothy is married and seems very happy and the rest of the gang is going along as usual. They all wish to be remembered to you.

Yours in the bonds,



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Dear Pil

It's been a long time since I wrote to N. B. but my intentions have been good.

Just now I'm in the 13<sup>th</sup> Bn 15<sup>3rd</sup> Depot Brigade at Camp Dix. Was lucky enough to be sent here soon after I was commissioned. Went right into the 6<sup>th</sup> Bn which was the M.P. outfit for the camp. Was lucky enough to land in a company where there was a Captain and First Lieut soon to be transferred. They went about a week after I got there & I was put in charge of a company of 350 with one 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. to aid. He was taken away and made a school teacher for the non-english speaking men shortly afterward & I was left all alone. There should have been 5 other officers with me but was not so I had a big load on my hands. The major of that Battalion was one of the instructors at our Training School & knew me from back in January.

There was a call for recommendations for promotion to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. soon and so he knew me better than the rest he sent in my name. Then too he was one of the 3 of the examining board and so I didn't have to go before that board. They simply took his word for me. On July 19<sup>th</sup> my appointment came thru and so I moved up one notch. It didn't make any difference in my work tho for I was going the limit before.

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Because of a shortage of higher officers & because of my having a company before I came here, I was given one in the 13th. It was some jumbled up mess too. I took over 1411 men of which there was not even a roster. I can't explain much about it all but it was a tremendous proposition.

I was commander of that company only 5 days as a Captain came then & was put in charge. I was taken out and made Personnel Adjutant which is a Headquarters job. I make out all the pay rolls and keep track of all the men, where they are transferred to & from etc. Have a force of 3 typists and 1 clerk. Just now I have a Captain just back from Overseas to aid me. That is also some job as things were muddled, especially the pay. It is a nice clean job tho and Headquarters always has more privileges than the company officers. Before the quarantine I went home 3 out of 4 Sundays.

Things stay about the same at home. Ida is working in Clayton. I guess that boy of yours will not get to play pool with mine while in college for we have put such thoughts behind us until after the war.

Remember me to Edythe & all the rest of the Railway crowd.

As ever

Bob. Darling

13th Battalion, 15th D.B.

Camp Dix N.Y.

Oct. 13, 1918.



From Lieutenant Robert G. Dooling '14

Camp Dix, N.J.  
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