

Baldwin Jan 7th
1918.

Sir

I have just
received your letter
inquire of W. P. Dury
he is gone to Camp Dick
J. C. that is all that
I know of his address
just now
I would like to oblige
you and him also.

Yours truly

Charles Dury



"WITH THE COLORS"



6th Training Battalion,
Camp Lee, Va.

Dear Mr. Silvers,

Well it's all off we don't go across after all our preparations; just at the eleventh hour I received orders to come down here. at the time I ~~leaving~~^{left} Camp Dix I found that 99 of us were going together - all officer candidates from the O.T.S. We were all disappointed not to be going over with our companies but we reconciled ourselves gradually.

We had special cars coming down and we enjoyed our trip immensely. We stopped at Washington 6 hrs. and saw a 13 inning game between ^{the} White Sox and Washington. We took in what sights we had time for and left at 9 P.M. We arrived here at 3 A.M.

The first thing we found out was that there is no reveille on Sundays and "taps" is at 11 P.M. instead of 10 P.M. ^{as} at Camp Dix.

The day after we arrived we found
Lt. Minton and then very soon after Lt. Simpson
came over to see who had arrived. Then to-day
we met Lt. "Bob" Martin. The other Rutgers
men here are Capt. Cornell, Lt. Hand, Lt. Strong
Lt. Scar^{Ch. Faint}, and perhaps some others.

Yesterday we had a Rutgers reunion -
Lt. Minton, Steedle, Tilton and myself - out in
the woods by the banks of a stream. We
spent the whole afternoon talking about the
old college. To-night we are going to have
another Rutgers party; we are going to get
together as many as we can and go up to the
Y. M. C. A. pool in Petersburg.

Rev. Pitt, father of the Pitt brothers at
Rutgers, is at a Y. M. C. A. but very near to us.
Last night I met a Y. M. C. A. man who
used to go to school with Phil Thoye. So you
see we have friends here that we never
expected to find. This army is getting
more wonderful every day.

We are all thinking about the college
and would like to be up for commencement
but that is out of the question. All the
boys want to be remembered to friends at H. S.

Sincerely
Sgt. William P. Perry
Officer Candidate

May 23, 1918

Sergeant Willis P. Duruz
6th Training Battalion
Camp Lee, Va.

My dear Mr. Duruz:

Thank you very much for your letter giving your new address and telling about the Rutgers men you have met at Camp Lee . This is just the kind of letter I had been hoping to get from one of you, and I certainly appreciate your kindness in sending it. Sometime, if you have a moment to spare, I wish you would send me a list of the men with their addresses who left Camp Dix with you for Camp Lee. I know of Dud Chase '13, but not of any of the others.

Good luck to you and all best wishes.

Very cordially yours,

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ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"



June 2 1918

1st Training Bn.
Camp Lee, Va.

Dear Mr. Silvers,

I have some news for you this time: all the boys who came here from Camp Dix were commissioned June 1st. Those that I remember are: Dooling, North, Steele, ^{all 2nd Reg. Div.} Gay Bickel, Chase, Wilton, and myself. Horsfall is over the other side of the camp and I do not know about him - I feel sure he was commissioned though.

There is a regular nest of Rutgers fellows around here. Besides the above mentioned fellows there are Minton and Morgan. Fanning Dean is 1st Lieut and aide to the Commanding General (Maj. Gen. Farnsworth). I have seen him several times and we had some fine discussions

It sure was good to see him again.
The day before the 31st of Sept.
left I saw Capt. Powell who is
adjutant for that regiment. "King" is
looking fine and is making a great
success. He says "luck is breaking
fine" but he is working hard
San Hill too I know that. The same
day I met Billy Bowler, he is
the same old "Bill." Both of them
left the next day for overseas.
St. Hand left shortly after we
came here; I saw him only a short
time.

The day I was with Capt. Powell
your circular letter arrived and
we were very happy to get it; we
always are but it was peculiarly
interesting this time for we had
been talking a good deal about
times at the "old college" and
your letter came and tied us
closer to it in a way I cannot
explain. It was just the coincidence
I guess and we both remarked
about it and we both were



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mighty thankful to get all the news
I can tell you for my part, and
I know every Rutgers fellow feels
the same, that your war service
letters are always anxiously awaited.

you wanted the address of the
fellows; for all but Horsfall it
is "1st Training Bn, Camp Lee, Va.,"
I do not know his exactly but
"Inf. Replacement Camp, Camp Lee," will
find him. We do not know how
long we will be here but shall
inform you of any change.

With love for the dear old college
and all the boys. I am,

Sincerely,

Willis P. Slattery

2nd Lt. Inf. N.G.

June 4, 1918

Lieut. Willis P. Duruz,
First Training Battalion,
Camp Lee, Va.

My dear Mr. Duruz:

It is mighty good of you to give me the information you have sent about the Rutgers men at Camp Lee. It is splendid to know that you have all been commissioned and I send my heartiest congratulations. I am going to depend upon you to keep me in touch with these men for which I shall be always indebted to you.

With all good wishes.

Very truly yours,

ERS/W



"WITH THE COLORS"



38th Company,
10th Battalion,
Inf. Replacement Camp,
Camp Lee, Va.
June 24, 1918.

Dear Mr. Sellers,

Just a few words to let you know
that I have "moved again" - about the
nifth time since I hit the camp.

all the other Putzys fellows - Steidle,
Viltan, North, Hooling & Van Riddle - were
sent back to dlix. I was picked to help
train 11,000 new men to be shipped
across in 30 days.

We are working on a scheme of
rapid-fire training that has never
been tried in this country and we
are giving the man everything in 4 weeks
that used to be given in 4 months. Talk
about manufacturing soldiers!

Help your Country by Saving. Write on BOTH Sides of this Paper.

Minton and I are the only Putgers
men that I know are here now.

all the O.T.S.'s. are being
concentrated here now so some of the
Putgers men at Mendocino will probably be
here. You will no doubt hear of it if
they get here.

Fanny Dean left and is now
on the other side. He went on a side de-
camp to Major General Farnsworth,
C. O. of 37th Division (Ohio Nat'l Guard).

Sincerely,

Willis P. Blaney.

P.S. Will you please let me know
if there is a R.A.A. certificate
for me around the office or in the
papers of the A.A.? Prof. Blake told me
once that Wittgen would show it up
and send it to me.

W. P. B.

June 26,
1918.

Lieut. Willis P. Duruz
38th Company, 10th Battalion,
Inf. Replacement Camp,
Camp Lee, Va.

Myddear Mr. Duruz:

I appreciate your kindness in keeping me in so close touch with yourself and other Rutgers men. The task is becoming increasingly difficult and any help you wem give me is most certainly appreciated. Dud Chase '13 is still at Camp Lee but I think that the other Rutgers men have been sent back to Camp Dix. I am enclosing a postal so that you can drop me a line if perchance you are transferred again.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

ERS/W



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EUROPEAN



HOTEL PETERSBURG CO.
PROPRIETORS

PETERSBURG, VA.

July 14, 1918.

Dear Mr. Silver:

This is to inform you that
I am moving again - this time
to Camp Fremont, Kansas.

There are many officers leaving
here for various camps and I had
hoped to be sent to Stevens, Mass.
but I'll have to take my fate.

As far as I can find there are
no Rutgers men in this order. Lts.
Minton & Simpson are still here.
I am not sure about Chase.

You asked for a picture and I
enclose same. Later I'll have a larger
one for you.

Sincerely yours,
Lt. Willis P. Shuring

July 30, 1918.

Lieut. Willis P. Duruz

Camp Funston, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Duruz,

Thank you for your letter of July 16th, and
for your picture. When you have time will you send on your
company and regiment. Mail will reach you more quickly then.

Chase has been sent to Camp Meade, but I haven't
heard of any other changes.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

HEADQUARTERS TRAINS AND MILITARY POLICE

10TH DIVISION, U. S. A.

Camp Funston, Kansas,
December 3, 1918.

Dear Mr. Silvers

The last letter I wrote to you I never mailed. You see we were under orders to move had every packed and marked for overseas and I had written letters to everyone telling them that I was not in Camp Funston and to address me to the A. E. F. Just about the day we were to embark the armistice was signed and our orders subsequently cancelled. The climax has been reached and the "descending action" is demobilizing our famous 10th division. So you may not be surprised to see another Rutgers boy hovering around his alma mater before many weeks.

There is no wholesale mustering out going on at this camp yet - only the Depot Brigade - but there is rumor that January will clear out the entire division. Say have you any news from Capt. "King" Powell?

Very

I heard from a source at Camp Lee, Va., that King had been killed in France. But I have not had that verified.

Enclosed is one non-war to help the alumni quarterly on its way.

By the way don't send it to Platoon Commander's school, but to 10th Train Headquarters, 10th Division, Camp Funston, Kan.

With kindest regards I am,

Sincerely,

W. P. Shury.
2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A.

10th Train Headquarters,
Camp Funston, Kansas,
December 11, 1918.

Dear Mr. Silvers

In answering your request for a letter describing what happened around me when the armistice was signed I can unfortunately say but little. I have been one of those who did my fighting for democracy on the plains of Kansas and have lost all the thrill of battle and the real appreciation of the armistice.

Well, to describe the armistice effects in this camp is easily and briefly done. The feeling among the men and officers was one of mixed disappointment and hidden joy. To think that our division had been stopped while part of it had already landed in France and other units on the sea and on trains to embarkation, was enough to disappoint anyone. On the other hand

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The men took the news like the soldiers that they are and only a broad smile on their faces gave sign to their feelings. We tried and were denied the chance to get in and that was all there was to it. There were no demonstrations of any kind in camp as general Wood had requested that the men be calm and take the good news "like soldiers" and that is the way the news of the signing of the armistice was accepted.

Sincerely,

W. P. Huruz

2nd Lt. Inf. U.S.A.

10th Regt. Hq.

From Lieut. Willis P. Duruz '17

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December 14, 1918.

Lieutenant Willis P. Duruz,
10th Training Headquarters,
Camp Funston, Texas.

Dear Lieut. Duruz:-

Thank you very much for your letter of
December 11th. It is good to know that you are one of the
men we can always count upon and I appreciate your loyal
interest.

Very sincerely yours,

Address changed



THE NOBLE HOTEL

NEW—MODERN

J. R. CHAMBERS, MANAGER
LANDER, WYO.

Mar. 4, 1919.

Dear Mr. Silvers,

This is to inform you that I have been discharged from the 10th Div., Camp Funston, Kan. and am now in the Reserve. It happened Feb. 28th.

Now I am going to be a wild and woolly rancher and farmer. I expect to ^{work} go for one of the biggest ranches in Wyoming for a couple of months in order to learn the game and to find out about land that I can eventually own myself.

There are thousands of opportunities in this country for young fellows and for discharged soldiers in particular, so

if you know of any of the boys who
want to get away from the crowded
East and who want to have a real
adventure with a fortune in 15 yrs.
let me know.

It is unbelievable perhaps but
this state is in its infancy and if
a young fellow should come here and
stick he will live a very happy
life and have something at the end too.

This town is situated in a
pocket right at the foot of the Rockies
sheltered from the high winds and storms
and it is just as calm and mild
as you will find anywhere. There
are plenty of streams running down and
they abound in trout - yesterday I saw
a 12" one right in the village. Big
game - elk, deer, wild-cats, coyotes,
beaver, mink etc. - is also very
plentiful. Next week I am going on a
trapping and hunting trip myself.



THE NOBLE HOTEL

NEW—MODERN

J. R. CHAMBERS, MANAGER
LANDER, WYO.

You would be surprised at the modern, wide-awake town this is too. There are only 2000 people here but it has 4 banks, several churches, 3 fine hotels (phone + running water in every room etc) a Masonic Hall, an armory and lots of good business establishments.

Everyone out here goes by his or her first name and you insult them to call their last name. They handle money in a peculiar way too. There are very few paper bills - all silver dollars. Pennies are practically forgotten; if an article comes to 17 cents you pay 15 cents, if it is 18 you pay 20 cents.

All in all it is an ideal

country I think and I am going
to settle right here for keeps.
A fellow from Virginia whom I
chummed with at Fenton is going
to be with me and we are
going to make a go of it all the way.

Wish more of the young fellows
from the East would come out here. We
need them badly and I can assure
them of a fine time and a fortune
in a very short time. So if you
know of any one write me.

Don't forget my alumni quarterly
and if you need any money to square
me up let me know. I want to keep in
touch with the Colley and the boys
for some day. ^{soon} I'll be back on a visit and
in later years to stay perhaps (?)

Regards to everyone,

Sincerely,
Pete Blum.