

POST CARD



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C.O.T.S

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Rudolph Elmer '17 may, at present,
be reached at following address:

Candidate Rudolph Elmer,

Barracks H-3-18,

2nd Co - C. O. I. S.,

Camp Gordon,

Atlanta, Georgia.

Sorry, but could not send address sooner, as he has
just been transferred.

Any communication concerning him will be
received by his mother, (Mrs.) Marie R. Elmer,
Egg Harbor City, New Jersey.

Egg Harbor City, N.J.
October 12, 1918.

Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Gentlemen,-

For college records we report
the following:

Rudolph Elmer,
2nd Lieut. Inf. U. S. A.

a graduate of Atlantic City High School 1913
& of Rutgers College 1917 died of pneumonia
at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. on Friday,
October 11, 1918 - aged 22 years and 6
months.

After graduation from Atlantic City
High School "Dutch," as he was familiarly
called, entered Rutgers College, from
which College he graduated in 1917
as a chemist.

He attempted to get a government
position, and while waiting for the

same he was employed by the Monieranto⁽²⁷⁾ Chemical Company at St Louis, Mo., where he left as soon as he received his appointment as a government chemist.

He was then stationed at Washington, D.C., where the head of the department, ^{for which he worked} had gotten exemption from military service for him, because his work was necessary.

Not being satisfied to stay at home when he had one brother already in the army and lots of his friends also there, he enlisted on May 15, 1918 and entered the ~~First~~ Officers' Training School at Camp Meade, Md. where he remained until the school was transferred to Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., from where he graduated as a 2nd Lieut. of Infantry.

After graduation he was ordered to report for duty at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

On September 24th he was ordered to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S.C. as an instructor in infantry training. Last Saturday, Oct. 5th, he was transferred to a new company in the same Camp and it is generally believed that this transfer cost him his young life, as, being new in the company, he did not want to report sick and worked all day Saturday and part of Sunday. On Sunday evening he walked into the hospital unassisted and dropped into a chair, unconscious. The physicians claim they had to give him restoratives before he could be put to bed and that they despaired of saving his life Sunday night. It is claimed he had pneumonia twenty-four hours before reporting sick.

After the rest, however, he rallied and his people were not informed of his illness until Tuesday.

His mother and two of his three brothers were with him until the end came. He was sure all was well with him and fought hard to live - but in vain.

He was perfectly conscious most of the time and in the few delirious periods he had, he constantly spoke of his work.

We can truly say: He was a martyr to our Country's cause - a martyr to Liberty.

If there is any other information needed for record, we will gladly furnish same.

Very truly, his mother
(Mrs.) Marie R. Elmer.

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He attempted to get a government position, and while waiting for the same he was employed by the Monsanto Chemical Company at St Louis, Mo., where he left as soon as he received his appointment as a government chemist.

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October 24
1918

Mrs. Marie R. Elmer
Egg Harbor City, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Elmer:

Your letter of October 12th, addressed to Rutgers College has been received. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness in advising us of the facts concerning the life and death of your son, Lieutenant Rudolph Elmer. We thought a good deal of him here at the college and we feel that Rutgers has suffered a distinct loss in his death. May I express our deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

I would greatly appreciate some additional facts concerning Lieutenant Elmer;--his date and place of birth, his early schooling, his church connection and any other facts of his life before entering college which you think would be of interest to his friends. I would appreciate also a picture of him which will be returned to you as soon as we can have a cut made for publication in the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly.

Lieutenant Elmer was known to me personally. He seemed to be very much of a man and his sudden death has been a big shock. I wish to add my personal sympathy to that of the college.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/G

Egg Harbor City, N.J.
Dec. 6, 1918.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Mr. Silvers, -

Your request concerning facts of date and place of birth, early schooling &c of my deceased son, Rudolph Elmer was received by me some time ago and was not answered sooner because we are waiting to get a photograph of him so it can be put into the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly. As soon as we receive the photograph we will mail same to you together with such information as would be of interest to his friends.

We thank you very much

for extending your sympathy
to us, for anyone who knew
our dear boy must know what
a great loss his too early demise
is to us, his family.

hoping to be able to send
you the desired information
soon, I am

very truly,

(Mrs.) Marie R. Elmer
per M.E.

December 9, 1918

Mrs. Marie R. Elmer,

Egg Harbor City, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Elmer,

Thank you for your letter of December 6th.

We appreciate deeply your kind interest in the college which was Rudolph's Alma Mater. We shall be very glad, too, to have his picture for the Quarterly.

Very sincerely yours,

Egg Harbor City, N.J.
Feb. 14, 1919.

Dr. Demarest,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Doctor, -

Your personal invitation
for our attendance at the
memorial services for the
Rutgers boys who have
died for their country in
this great and terrible
world war has been

received by me.

While we would like to be present at the service where tribute will be paid to so many brave lads among whom is numbered our never-to-be-forgotten Rudolph Elmer, Rutgers '17, still it will not be possible for any of us to attend.

Thanking you for your kind invitation and hoping that you will have a good attendance at the service, I remain

Very truly,

(Mrs.) Marie R. Elmer.