

RUTGERS COLLEGE
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

August 31st. 1917.

To the Alumni of Rutgers College;

The College is preparing a list of Rutgers Alumni who are in the service of the United States. In order to make this list as complete as possible, we request your earnest co-operation.

Will you please advise us:

- (1) Have you received a commission in any branch of the Army or Navy? Please give information as follows:

John Smith '10, Second Lieut. Infantry, Officers' Reserve Corps, etc.,

- (2) Have you enlisted in any branch of government work? Please give information as follows:

John Smith '13, private, Infantry, National Army,

- or -

William Jones '14, Seaman, Naval Reserve, etc.

- (3) Have you been drafted? Please give information as follows:

John Smith '12, District No. 1, Union County, N.J.

Drafted men are urged to advise us immediately, as their names will be sent to Washington with recommendation for transfer to the field of work for which they are especially trained.

(Signed) EARL REED SILVERS

Assistant to the President

INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY RUTGERS MEN WILL BE APPRECIATED

*Camp Dix
New Jersey Sept 3, 1917*

*Edward L. Fox, Ex-11, Captain 307 Regt.
of Field Artillery, National Army
Camp Dix, N.J.*

September 10, 1917

Captain Edward L. Fox,
307th Regiment , Field Artillery
Camp Dix,
Wrightstown, N.J.

My dear Mr. Fox:-

I thank you for your memorandum of recent date giving notice of your commission as captain.

I realize that you must be extremely busy at the present time and that any spare time you may have for writing is needed for your magazine and newspaper work. Still I am wondering if you could not possibly spare a half hour or so to write something for the October issue of the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly. This magazine is read by over twelve hundred Rutgers alumni who are deeply interested in the achievements of all Rutgers men. I am searching anxiously for a feature article for our next issue and one from your pen would be a triumph which I hardly hope to attain. If, however, you will respond to this appeal I shall be deeply grateful. The College is doing its part in the present great crisis, and already I have listed almost four hundred Rutgers men who are in the national service.

May I extend my congratulations to you for the remarkable work you have been doing during the past three years.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/HVW

Assistant to the President.

My dear Mr. Silvers: I am too much to write a line for anything, the last chapter of my new book "Wilhelm Hohenzollern & Co" (copy of which George Osborn, the librarian has, is entitled "Why we are fighting Germany" - there is a prologue entitled "Thoughts on the Kaiser" - you are at liberty to reprint either of these in your magazine. I request that you give credit to the book (in a footnote) as being published by Robert M. Brudenry.

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Captain Edward L. Fox,
307th Regiment, Field Artillery
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Advise me of your action.

My dear Mr. Fox:-

Yours

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New York City

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Earl Reed Silvers

Assistant to the President.

ERS/HWW

November 16th. 1917.

Captain Edward L. Fox,
349 Field Artillery,
Camp Dix, N.J.

Dear Mr. Fox:-

I thank you for your postal card of November 15th. The news is just what we want for our quarterly and we were mighty glad to get it. We are glad, too, to hear about your new book and wish you continued success in your writing. I hope that you will keep in touch with us as much as possible.

With very best of wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Here is what Mr. MacDowell writes of Capt. E. L. Fox, commanding Battery B, in response to a request for information concerning the officers in charge of the local boys:

Capt. Fox is a graduate of Rutgers College, where he received military training. His experience in the various war zones of Europe are as varied as they are interesting. During the earlier stages of the war he traveled as a correspondent with the armies of the Central Powers both in Germany and the Balkans, was with the Bosches in their first fifty mile drive which resulted in the fall of Warsaw; also witnessed the bombardment and capture of the fortress in that vicinity and was with the Bulgarians in their invasion of Serbia.

Capt. Fox witnessed fighting on virtually the entire western and eastern fronts, and his knowledge of modern warfare enabled him to write a book on the conflict in which we hope soon to take part. 'William Hoenzollern & Co.', is the title of his book, which was published by the Robert McBride Co., New York City. The Boston Transcript characterizes it as being 'amazingly interesting' and the critics of many of the leading journals of the country have praised it as a book of much merit. The book has the official endorsement of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood.

"Personally, Capt. Fox is what one would call a 'man's man'—absolutely impartial, quick to note ambition and quicker to see lack of it; a strict disciplinarian, yet fair to all. He has the personal welfare of all the men in the battery at heart, and his frequent conferences with the men on modern warfare and other topics of importance are looked forward to with much anticipation.

"The folks of old Cattaraugus can rest assured the leader of their boys takes more than a military interest in them."

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Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

40 E. 40 St., N.Y.C., 6/28/18.

Capt. E. L. Fox asked the undersigned
to look after his mail. I do not
know his present address yet.

Yours very truly,

Chas. O'Brien