

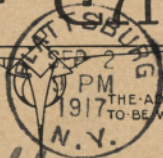


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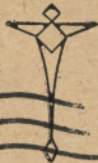


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Great stuff
this Army life.

5:30 A.M. to

8:00 P.M. News

felt better in

my life.

Bill Gay

Mr. Earl R. Silvers,
Rahway,
New Jersey.

RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CAMP
PLATTSBURG, NEW YORK.

Sept. 8th 1917

Dear Sir,

In response to your
Circular letter of Aug 31st
Would say that I am a
member of the Second
Officers' Reserve Training
Camp, Co. 10, 18th Provisional
Training Regiment and
hope to get a commission
on Nov. 27th or there abouts
also am drafted in dist.
no. 2, Nassau County, N. Y.
and in the event of my failure

to get a commission will
just naturally go into
the National Army as a
private or possibly a
hon-com.

Arthur Busch, Cliff
Dennis, and Jack Voorhes
are also at this camp.

Remember me to any of
the bunch that you may
happen to see.

Yours in the bonds,
Bill Gay

32 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

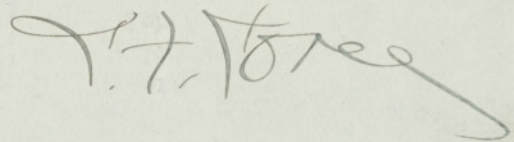
December 14, 1917.

Dr. W. M. S. Demarest,
President, Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N.J.

My dear Doctor Demarest:

I enclose herewith, as a matter of information, copy of a letter I have just received from Captain William L. Gay, Inf., U.S.R., New York, dated 9th. inst., in which he tells of the value of his football training at Rutgers.

Yours very truly,



Enc.

New York, N.Y.,
December 9, 1917.

COPY

Mr. L. F. Loree,

Dear Sir:

Knowing that you will doubtless be interested to learn something of the value of foot-ball training when applied as an asset toward securing a commission in the United States Army, I am taking the liberty of writing you an account of how my foot-ball training at Rutgers was largely instrumental in landing a Captain's Commission at the Officers' Training Camp recently ended at Plattsburg.

In the first place I found that discipline, coordination of mind and muscle, and ability to absorb instruction, which "Sandy" had drilled into me during the sizzling hours of drill on Nielson Field, stood me in great stead when regular Army drill masters commenced to serve up a four years' course at West Point in three months. Our instruction was handed out in large doses at Plattsburg and only those who had been taught to grasp and analyze a given subject instantly could hope to cope successfully with the intense competition among eminently successful men from all walks of life.

As proof of the facts I have related above, will say that my age (26) makes me the youngest captain of 14 in my company of 130 men whose average age was 33 years. Also that I ranked seventh in my company.

All in all, I am thoroughly convinced that my foot-ball training enabled me to out-distance men whose military and executive training was far superior to my own.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) William L. Gay

Capt. Inf. U.S.R.

(Rutgers Varsity,
1911-12-13.)

Baltimore Md.
Dec. 26th 1917.

Dear Sil, -

Just a note to let you
know where + how I am
situated. Am now in Command
of Company B, 311th Machine
Gun Battalion at Camp Meade,
Md. It is quite a job and
keeps me busy most of the

Time but I will try to find an opportunity to give you a more detailed account of what I have to do later on.

Mail addressed to the above organization will reach me O.K. Seiler is here in the 315th infantry but have not seen him as yet. Mrs. Gay sends her regards. Let me hear from you. Bill Gay

December 28, 1917.

Capt. W. Gay,
Company B, 311th Machine Gun Battalion
Camp Meade, Maryland.

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of December 26th
and for the notice of your new address. I trust that
everything is going well with you and that you are
enjoying your work.

With all good wishes of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

ERS/MVH

January 20, 1918.

Captain W. L. Gay,
Camp Meade, Maryland.

Dear Bill:

I suppose you are wondering why I never sent you word about my not being able to attend your wedding. To show you that I kept the matter in mind and that I advised you, I am enclosing a letter addressed to you at Mineola which has just come back to me.

I hope that you are enjoying your work and camp and that you will find time once in a while to write me.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Gay, I am

Yours in the bonds,

ERS/MVH

HEADQUARTERS
Camp Mills, L. I., N. Y.,
April 25, 1918.

Mr. Earl R. Silvers
Director, War Service Bureau
Rutgers College
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sil:---

camp Since I received your last news letter I have been transferred to Camp Mills, Garden City, L. I., and have been appointed Assistant Adjutant. All communications should be addressed from now on to me at Headquarters, Camp Mills, Garden City, L. I.

Later on I will send some information that may be of interest to you in getting out your weekly letters.

I will ask that you remember me to Mrs. Silvers and to any of the Belts that you may happen to see.

I remain,

*yours in the bonds,
Bill Gay*

April 26, 1918.

Capt. Bill Gay,
Headquarters, Camp Mills,
L. I., N. Y.

Dear Bill:

I was glad to get your letter of April 25th and to know that you have been transferred to a place nearer home. Perhaps sometime soon you and Mrs. Gay can come out to Rahway to see us.

We are all very busy at the college and I must, therefore, make this letter only a short one but I hope that you will write me again and that your family are in good health.

Yours sincerely,
Yewysincskel ponds,

Director

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HEADQUARTERS
Camp Mills, L.I., N.Y.
October 17, 1918.

Dear Sil.:—

Some weeks ago, while at New Brunswick, you spoke to me in regard to a silver pie knife, or something of that sort, which you had sent to us. Helen says that she has never received anything of that sort from you, so I am giving you this information that you may undertake whatever search for the same you may have in mind.

Everything is as usual here at the camp. Am very busy, and at the present engaged in boosting the Fourth Liberty Loan. This camp has so far subscribed nearly a half million dollars, and we expect to go considerably over that mark.

I would appreciate it if you would send me a schedule of the remaining foot-ball games to be played. Fully intend to see as many of them as possible.

The letter to the Service Bureau will come along when I can find time for it.

Remember me to Mrs. Silvers and E.R.S., Jr.

*In the bonds
Bill*

October 30 1918

Capt. William G. Gay
Hdqrs. Camp Mills, L.I.
New York.

Dear Bill:

I am starting out on the trail of the silver pie knife but it is going to be a very hard job to find it after a lapse of two years. However, let us hope for the best.

It is impossible to send you a schedule of the remaining football games as the list changes every day and we do not know from week to week just where or whom we will play. The best thing to do is to look at the New York Times on Friday morning and find out from that if a game is scheduled for the next day.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Gay,

Cordially yours,

ERS/G