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EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

= Correct Address

2nd. Lt. William. H. Bowles

317th. Infantry Regiment N.A.

Camp Lee

Petersburg Va.

I think the plan outlined in your letter  
of Oct. 22/17 a fine one and will be very  
glad to hear from the College by letter and  
the Alumni Quarterly

Yours truly,

Wm. H. Bowles

January 3, 1919

Mr. William C. Bowles,  
412 Morris Ave.,  
Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Mr. Bowles:-

I have just heard that Bill Bowles has been seriously injured while in action on the French front. If you can send me any information you may have about his injury I shall be very grateful. His many friends here at the college will want to know of it. They all join with me in hoping that he may be home soon and may be restored to full health.

Very sincerely yours,

William C. Bowles,  
412 Morris Ave.,  
Elizabeth, N.J.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers;  
Editor, Rutger's Alumni Quarterly,  
New Brunswick, N.J.

My Dear Mr. Silvers:-

I have your letter of the 3rd instant, concerning the injuries to my son, William H. Bowles. While in action in the Argonne Forest section, he received the following wounds from shrapnel shell, on October 4th, 1918:- a piece of steel in the right side of his head, a small piece in the right hand and numerous small pieces in the left hand, one deep wound in the back and one in each hip. He was sent to the Base Hospital at Dijon, France where he remained until December 15th. While these wounds were painful and serious enough, he will not be disfigured to any extent and suffer no permanent disabilities. He is now practically recovered and has been sent back to his Regiment, the 317th Infantry, 80th Division, which is now at Les Forges, France.

I am sorry that I did not inform you of this at the time, but supposed you had seen an account of his injuries, which was published in the Elizabeth Evening Journal.

He writes that he does not expect to be home before next May or June.

He advises that he was made a First Lieutenant last September, before his injuries. He writes that he has had some great experiences and many hardships since he arrived in France last May, but has been well all of the time, up until he was wounded. His Division trained with the British in Flanders, in August, where they had their first casualties, and saw more or less fighting from that time up until the last big drive in the Argonne Forest. He writes cheerfully and says he would not have missed the experience which he has had for anything.

I thank you for your kind inquiries concerning him.

Yours truly,

*W. C. Bowles*

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Newark, N.J., May 21, 1919.

My dear Mr. Silvers,

A couple of your notices to Rutgers men who have been in the service have come to the house addressed to my son William.

William is still in France but is expected to return within the next two weeks. I doubt if he will be here in time to attend the WAR SERVICE DINNER on June 9th., next. I will see that he gets the literature you sent him promptly on his return.

Yours very truly,

*W. C. Bowles*