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*September 20, 1917.*

*Dear Mr. Silver*

*Alumni House*

*New Brunswick, N.J.*

*Dear Sir;*

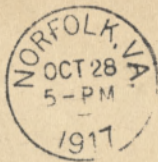
*In reply to your letter of August 31, 1917 which has been forwarded to me I have been commissioned Aid in the Coast and Geodetic Survey. I have the rank of Ensign while on naval duty and of Second Lieut. if transferred to the Army.*

*Yours truly*

*G. P. Hartley '16*

*G. P. Hartley '16, Aid, Coast and Geodetic Survey.*





THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Second Training Co.  
Fort Monroe, Va.

I was commissioned  
Second Lieut. Coast  
Artillery, D.P.C. on  
Sept. 24 and have  
been at Fort Monroe  
since Oct. 6.

Are there any  
Rutgers men here in  
training? If so will  
you let me know  
what company they  
are in? I thank you for  
the letter and the promise  
of news of the Campers  
Sincerely yours  
George P. Hartley



November 3rd. 1917.

Mr. Russell Hartley,

Second Training Company,

Fort Monroe, Va.

Dear Hartley:-

I was mighty glad to get your postal telling of your transfer to Fort Monroe. The Rutgers men at your camp are Franklin, '10, Fourth Company, Haas, '19, Fourth Company, Mahnken '08, Fourth Company, and Ritter '09, Fourth Company. I am sure that they will be mighty glad to have a chat with you if you care to look them up.

Very sincerely yours,



91 Valley Ave.  
Walden, N. Y.

Mr. Carl Reed Silvers  
New Brunswick  
New Jersey

Dear Sir,

I have been ordered from Fort Monroe  
to Fort Totten, Coast Defense of New York City.  
My address until reaching there on December  
15<sup>th</sup> will be 91 Valley Ave., Walden, N. Y.

Yours truly  
George B. Hartley  
Second Lieut. U. S. A.



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Mr. Earl Reed Silver  
Rutgers College  
New Brunswick  
New Jersey

THE SHIP ON WHICH I SAILED HAS ARRIVED  
SAFELY OVERSEAS.

Name George R. Hartley

Organization 2nd Lt. 5th Air C.A.C.

American Expeditionary Forces.



Batt E. 58<sup>th</sup> Art CAC

American E. F.

October 20, 1918

Dear Silvers

I have been waiting until I had some real news to write about but it doesn't seem as if anything like that will happen so I had better report myself before you cross me off the list.

I have only seen two Rutgers men since leaving New York back in relay. One was Pat Patterson. I ran into him in a city where I was going to school. He was in town with a bunch of other aviators on a week end leave. He is a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut and a full fledged flyer. The other Rutgers man found me and we had been seeing each other for the last four months. He is our Regimental Chaplain, Branch Officer, etc. His name is Arthur DeWane, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. I think his class is 1909. I happened to be having an argument with a Princeton man over football and the Chaplain took sides with me.

"Sandy" never heard of me or saw me on the football but I have used what I learned of the game from the bleachers to help coach the Battery team and keep time during the games.



We hope some day that the powers that be will remember we are in France and give us a chance up in the lines some day. So far our only action has been on the target range. That looked like action and one of the 75's we were shooting had a premature explosion and scattered fragments all around the scenery. Only one man was touched. I was in charge of the gun at the time. We are not equipped with 75's but were just shooting them for practice. Our guns are much heavier

My address changes to the extent that I am a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. instead of 2<sup>nd</sup>. I managed to sneak in on a list of promotions in the Reserve Corps

Sincerely yours

George R. Hartley  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. E. A. C.

Censored

George R. Hartley  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. 55<sup>th</sup> Regt. E. A. C.



November 13, 1918

Lieut. George R. Hartley,  
58th Coast Artillery,  
Battery E  
Am. E.F.

Dear George:-

I am very glad to have your letter of October 20th. It is good of you to write and we appreciate your loyal interest in the college.

It looks now as if you would not get your chance for active service. We have just had a big celebration here at the college and the general opinion seems to be that the terms of the armistice makes it impossible for Germany to renew hostilities. However, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you stood ready for anything which your country demanded of you. Your experiences have most certainly been very worth while, and I envy you because of them. Now that you will have more time to look around I hope that you can pick up some souvenirs to send us.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



copy  
Rouvray, France  
December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1918

Dear Silvers

You asked me in your last letter to write and tell you of the peace celebration in the particular place we were when the good news. Well it was decidedly more dangerous after eleven o'clock on November 11<sup>th</sup> than it was before in our neck of the woods in the Bois le Prêtre. A bigger outfit of 155's in back of us turned loose with all of the small arms they could muster and had a rare good time. Everyone else in the woods took to cover until they decided to be peaceful too. Personally the armistice at first appealed to me as a chance to get a good nights sleep and no telephone ringing with orders to open fire as soon as ready. I hadn't seen a paper in a long time and did not know much of the latest news.



and had it all doped out that we would start in again in a week probably.

In my last letter I seemed quite pessimistic as to my chance of ever going into action but we finally got our chance and I had the pleasure of establishing my own B. C. in a little shack when we finally did get our chance. It sure was great to at last get our chance in the big game after having waited so long to get there. Our men needed no urging and they toiled and wrated and tugged and pulled at those heavy old 8 inch Howitzers. But when they were all finally squatted on their platform underneath the screen of camouflage you could see supreme leappiness on the faces of all the gun commanders.

The October number of the Quarterly just came in to night with its bundle of news. I believe I must have seen Patton's 19 in Limoges the week end before the spill he wrote about in the letter



published in that number.

From across my second Rutgers man I have seen in France Saturday night. A bunch of us hearing of a dance at a hospital near Neufiletean and not having seen or talked to an American girl in a long time braved the rain and mud and forty odd kilometers from here and went up in the Battalion's White. At the dance I found "Cape" Herbert. He seemed to be perfectly well and sound but he said that he was just recovering from his fourth wound. He was wearing two silver bars.

For once our Regiment's just trick of waiting around is standing it in good stead for we are still in comfortable dry billets while all the rest of the C. A. C. Regiments wherever in this Area we here are living in "jap" tents at Brest. A nice cheerful prospect to say the least. We were more or less down in the month to see everyone else leaving for Brest and our outfit staying at the coast.



Defender of the Marine but we can and all  
prefer the C.D. of A. to "jump" tents in this  
rain and mud.

Here's hoping that we will leave a  
big crowd back for the next Commem-  
oration.

Sincerely yours  
George R. Hartley  
1st Lieut. C.A.C.

Don't let the War Service Bureau  
end its good work just because the  
war ended.