

March 9th. 1918.

Mr. Donald Havens,

55 Hanson Place,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Don:-

I have been away for a week and have just seen your letter concerning Military Service. I have recently received word from Washington which, I think, covers your inquiry. It is probable that another series of Officers Training Camps will be held but definite arrangements have not been made. The Adjutant-General has advised me that appointments will probably be made from certain designated colleges and from enlisted men. The rule set down in Washington is that undergraduates and graduates of Rutgers must have had at least two years of military training in college before they can be recommended. You can not therefore be recommended from the college at the present time.

If, however, you are drafted, that puts you in another category and you can make application through the college as a man already in the service of the United States. We may recommend our alumni who have enlisted or who have been drafted, whether they took our military course or not.

The only thing for you to do therefore, as far

as the Training Camp is concerned is to wait until you are drafted and then, if the college is permitted to recommend men, you may send your application to Major Bigelow. As soon as we hear whether or not Rutgers is designated as one of the colleges which may make recommendations I shall write you. I hope that you will keep in touch with me wherever you may be.

With all good wishes,

Yours in 1913.

55 Nassau Pl.
Brooklyn.

Dear Sil -

I am writing you
as the source of all infor-
mation as to Rutgers and af-
fairs relating thereto. Having
twice been rejected for the
navy, I have now decided that
the path to glory for me
leads by way of the army,
and so am casting about
for the best way to pursue
that path. It is my under-

standing that graduates of colleges which have a course in military training are eligible for appointment to officers training camps. Are such appointments confined to those who have pursued such course and if so is it by order of the War Department or merely the practice of the Rutgers authorities? The reason I put the latter alternative is that as I am a member of the New York Guard (Inch Coast Artillery), the training received here might be a sufficient substitute for the

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course at college in the opinion
of those who make the recom-
mendations, if they have any
discretion in the matter.

At any rate, I should
appreciate any information
you can give me in the matter,
and if I have any chance, any
suggestions you can give me as
to what steps to take to se-
cure an appointment.

I expect to be called in
the next draft but presume
that it is possible to be assigned
to an officers' camp after being
drafted. Of course if there is

a camp before the next draft
is called I should like to
get into it. I have heard that
there was to be another camp
in April. Is that ~~was~~ true?

Anything that you can
do for me I shall appreci-
ate immensely. If you think
a letter of recommendation as to
my excellent military qualities
etc., from the major of my battal-
ion or captain of my company would
be of assistance in persuading someone
make the recommendation that

they can recommend me with-
out giving aid and comfort to
the enemy, I think I can
get it.

Of course, if I wait to
be drafted, I would still
have a chance of appoint-
ment to a camp as an
enlisted man but if there's
a chance of getting in before
I'd rather do it. Or if there's
no camp before I'm called
in the draft I'd rather
make sure of an appointment
by having the double chance

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I an appointment from
College or from the ranks,

Thanking you for whatever
you may be able to do
for me, I am

Yours in 1913
Dan Havens

OTD AEDV BC
April 22, 1918.

Mr. Donald Havens,
37 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear Don:

According to instructions just received from Washington Rutgers may recommend twenty five men for the fourth Officers' Training Camp but the men recommended must have had at least one year of military training at Rutgers College. There is, therefore, no way we can get around the ruling and place you our list. I should be very glad to do something but it is impossible. I do not know of the headquarters of the camp in New York City. I hardly think there are any as recommendations are to be made through the army cantonments and from the colleges themselves. I am sorry that I cannot give you more favorable news.

Very truly yours,

Director

ERS/H

8th Battalion, 34th Co.
220-16th St.
Camp Liptowal.

Dear Sir -

Just a line to
give you the above address.
In order that your returnable
letters and bulletins etc. may
reach me with alacrity
and promptitude. Have been
out here a month and am
enjoying life immensely.
At present, I am attached
to the Cantonment Gas
School as an instructor
my functions being to instruct
the outposts about to go over-
seas in gas defence and
particularly in the use of
the gas mask. The work

is immensely interesting but
how permanent it will be
I don't know as there's
nothing permanent in the
army.

Mike Toloustek came
out here the same day
~~and~~ I did but have seen
him only twice as he is
in another company.

I send me the news
from time to time and keep
me advised of any opportunities
to become a general.

Yours in 1913
Don Haven

June 28/18

July 11, 1918

Mr. Donald Havens,
31st Co., 8th Bn.,
152 Depot Brigade,
Camp Upton, N.Y.

Dear Don:

I do not think that I have ever answered your letter of June 28th, and this is simply a brief note to acknowledge its receipt and to express my appreciation of your kindness in writing it. Please do not let me get out of touch with you while the war lasts.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

ERS/W



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



19th Co. C. M. G. O. T. S.

Camp Purcell, Ga.

Dear Sil -

Arrived here yesterday
for the Central Machine Gun
Officers' Training School. ~~at~~
It's a fine camp and I look
forward to the next three months
of hard work with much pleasure
as I think it's going to be lots of
fun. Please change my address
to the above and be sure not to
fail to send all your sweet
letters to

Candidate Donald H. Hines
Abbeville

September 23
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Candidate Donald Havens,
19th Co. C.M.G.O.T.S.
Camp Hancock, Ga.

Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter of recent
date telling me of your change of address.
I am glad to know that you have been sent
to a training school and are on the road
to a commission.

With all good luck and the best
of wishes,

Cordially yours,

ERS/G