

ELEVENTH INFANTRY CLUB

11th Infantry U. S. A.
Chickamauga Park Ga.
Sept. 7, 1917.

Dear "Sil";

I'm reply to your letter of Aug. 31st; I was one of the sixty men at Ft. Myer who received a commission in the Regular Army, so that stated in the form you desire it is.

Wilbur Copley Herbert. 2nd Lieut. 11th Infantry.

I went through New Brunswick on my way down here and did wish I could stop off for a little while and look around a bit again.

Do you plan sending a copy of this list you are now working on to each of the alumni, if so, don't forget me because I will be much interested to learn what all the boys are doing.

With kindest regards

Wilbur C. Herbert
2nd Lt. 11th Inf.

September 10, 1917

Lieut. W. Copley Herbert
11th Infantry,
U. S. Army,
Chickamauga Park, Ga.

Dear Herbert:-

Thank you very much for the information contained in your letter of September 6th. I am now going to ask if you will do something further for me.

We are planning to print in the October number of the Alumni Quarterly a series of letters from Rutgers men in the national service. If you will write me a description of camp life or anything else which may be of interest to our alumni I shall be deeply grateful.

It is mighty fine that you have been appointed to such high rank and I wish to congratulate you on your commission.

Very sincerely yours,

ELEVENTH INFANTRY CLUB

11th Infantry U. S. A.
Chickamauga Park Ga.
Sept. 23, 1917.

Mr. Carl Reed Silvers
New Brunswick N. J.

Dear Silvers;

In reply to your letter of September tenth, I hardly know what to write concerning the life here, which might be of interest, except possibly the condition of our Regular Army and found it when I arrived here a month or so ago.

Even the small army which this Nation had before the war is gone; gone in the sense that it has been so broken up and reorganized, that its efficiency as a fighting organization at the present time is almost nothing. Let me tell you of the condition of my own regiment for an example. Before the war the Eleventh was one of the finest infantry regiments in the United States Army, but it had to suffer with the rest. In the first place it was split in three parts to form the nucleus of two other regiments which form this brigade; next, a large number of the sergeants were made temporary second lieutenants for the period of the war, and then, nearly all the non-commissioned officers that were left were ordered to

the National Army. Of course the regiment had to be filled up with recruits, which are of a very poor class, the percentage of foreigners being exceedingly high. I imagine the task of training a man to be a soldier who can't read or write the English language, and can only understand the simplest words. There are but a few of the trials that confront the officers of our army, and yet we are all in high spirits and working all the time to whip this raw material into shape so that we can get a crack at the Germans.

There is no definite information as to when we will be moved across to complete our training, but we are ready to move out at short notice. It is hardly to be expected however, that any of the regular army regiments will be in condition to go into battle in less than nine or ten months.

I sincerely hope, that in spite of the war Old Rutgers will have a flourishing year. Do put extra stress on the military work, just now, it is the greatest course in college. It has already enabled many a Rutgers man to get into the service in a capacity ~~xxx~~ in which he is but fitted

to see his country.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely

Wilbur Copley Herbert

2nd Lieut. 11th Inf.

P.S.

Silvers, as I read this over it doesn't seem to me that it's just what you may want to print, and please don't do so unless it fills the bill. I am so busy at present that I really haven't time to sit down and write a good letter. W.C.H.

ELEVENTH INFANTRY CLUB

11th N. S. Infantry
Camp Forrest, Ga.
March 23, 1918.

Mr. Henry P. Schneeweiss,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find check for three dollars (\$3), for payment of my Alumni Association dues.

Are you planning to read the Quarterly to us when we get "over there", if so, I will give you my address, as we expect to sail in a very short time.

Mr. Silver is always asking for information about Rutgers men, but as there are few, if any, down here I can only send a personal news item, namely that I have been promoted to the grade of First Lieut. Regular Army.

Please give my kindest regards to Dr. Lemaire.

Very sincerely
W. C. Herbert
1st Lt. 11th Inf.

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April 8, 1918.

Lieut. W. C. Herbert,
11th N. S. Infantry,
Camp Forrest, Ga.

Dear Cope:

I acknowledge with appreciation your check to Mr. Schneeweiss for three dollars in payment of your Alumni Association dues. I am glad to know that you have received your promotion and hope that you will keep in touch with me at all times. Please let me know what your address will be as soon as you can after you reach the other side.

With best personal wishes,

Cordially yours,

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Mr. Earl R. Silvers
Rutgers College
New Brunswick
New Jersey.

I HAVE ARRIVED SAFELY OVERSEAS.

W. C. Herbert

1st. Lieut. 11th. Inf.
A. E. F.

This card will be held until safe
arrival of the boat on which I sailed.

7 July 18.

Dear Silvers;

Just a little line to let you know where I am, and how things are going.

You have heard the old expression, "join the Army and see the World", well, I haven't exactly seen the world yet, but there is damn little of France I haven't been through. It's a perfectly wonderful country, and every place we go, seems to be a bit more beautiful than the last. Right now, I am back of the lines for a short rest, however most welcome for me put in a long hitch

in the front line, and it meant
give the Boesh Hell day and
night, or they would give it
to us.

This is a great game Sil, lots
of excitement and plenty to do
all the time. As you know, our
troops are landing here in large
numbers, and it won't be long
before we will go and get 'em.
The American Soldier goes big in
France, he's got the stuff and
plenty of it, and you would
be surprised to see the change
in them the minute they
land abroad; they pick things
up with great speed, and all one
wuld to go get the Hen.

Sil, this damn gas is the only
thing that gets my goat. I've been

Caught in two or three artillery batteries, and also had Machine Guns sprinkle lead rather close, but the one whip of gas I got after a bombardment, was the worst of all. I wish you could have seen a bunch of us beating it for a day out. About six frenchmen and an equal number of Americans. I mean, "Billy" Bauls would have been pushed hard to get there before we did.

Your letter to men in the service is most welcome, and I always look forward to its arrival. It made me a bit homesick not to be able to be there for graduation; you surely had a most attractive program; but another year will soon be rolling around, and I'll be there then, sure.

Please give my kindest regards to Pres. Demarest, and remember me to any of the boys you see.

Very sincerely
"Cope".

O.K.

W. C. Herbert
1st Lieut. 11th Inf.

P. S. Heard from "Bill" Packard a few days ago. He's not far from me, but as yet I haven't been able to get to see him.
W. C. H.

August 5
1918

Lieut. W.C. Herbert
11th Infantry,
American E.F.

Dear Cope:

It was fine of you to write your letter
of July 7th and we are all very pleased to get it.
You are certainly having various adventures and it
is my sincere hope that you may come through them
all successfully.

Cordially yours,

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Lieut. W. C. Herbert
11th U. S. Infantry
A. E. F.

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Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

O.K.
W.C.H.
1st Lt. 11th Inf.
A. E. F.

6 August 1918.
Dear "Sil";

You already have my
correct address, but I'll
send it again, along with
my appreciation of your
good letters; they are fine,
and I always look forward
to their arrival.

Have been at the front
now for eight weeks. It's
a great life Sil, and we're
getting to them. The Hun
pass the night of a U. S.
uniform more & more
each day. Will all be
back for next year's
commencement.

Please give my kindest
regards to Pres. Demarest,
and any others I know.

Sincerely
Lieut. W. C. Herbert "Cafe".
11th U. S. Infantry
American E. F.

AMERICAN RED CROSS
MILITARY HOSPITAL N° 3

22 October 1918.

Dear Sil;

I bumped into a little hard luck at the Verdun front on Oct. 14th, so am now in Paris getting over it. When I emptied out my pockets yesterday I found your last letter, dated Sept. 19th, and decided to drop you a line, as I have some spare time these days.

Last evening "Herb" Boer came in to see me and we had a wonderful time talking over the old days on The Banks of The Raritan. He is stationed here, and is looking fine; has heard from "King" Camell, and has seen

"Mons" Becker and a few others. I ⁽²⁾
tell you "Sil"; there is nothing in
the world like seeing an old pal
from Rutgers, when your per-centage
is a bit low; he's the first man
from College that I have seen
since I have been over; six months
now. "Bill" Packard was near me
at the front, but I couldn't get
away to look him up.

Now I suppose you want to know
how Fritz got me, damn his soul.
Well, first I got a dose of gas, then
a machine gun bullet in the left
shoulder, but managed to keep going
until a high explosive shell blew
me sky high thus disarranging my
mental powers. I was the luckiest

man in the world "Sil", for men not as near
the explosion as I, were killed or cut all to
pieces, and all I got was a scratch on the fore-
head. I'm getting along nicely, all over the effects
of the gas, and practically no pain now in
my shoulder, so that as soon as my head
clears up, I expect to be back on the job
again.

The information in your last letter, about the
Students Army Training Corps is most interesting,
and I am glad indeed to know that Rutgers
is one of the first, as always, to do her bit in
this world struggle.

The football line-up sure looks good, and the
schedule is fine. I do hope nothing will inter-
fere with it, and that it will be another
victorious season.

Well "Sil", good-bye and good-luck to you
all. Don't forget to remember me to any
I know around there.

Sincerely
"Cope" Herbert

Censored

W. C. Herbert
1st Lieut. 11th Inf.

November 13,
1918

Lieut. W. Copley Herbert,
11th Infantry
5th Division,
Am. F.F.

Dear Cope:

I am very sorry to hear that you have been injured and I sincerely hope that none of your injuries will be permanent. You have most certainly done your part to bring about the big victory which we have just been celebrating and I hope that now you will be able to return to the United States as soon as possible. I shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

May 23, 1919.

Mr. W. F. Herbert,
29 Broadway ,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Herbert:-

Rutgers College is planning to publish a book which will contain letters from our alumni and undergraduates who saw service in the Army or Navy of the United States. If you have any letters from Wilbur C. Herbert which you think may be of interest in such a publication, we shall be grateful for them. Anything you send us will be carefully preserved and returned to you within two weeks of their receipt.

We are very anxious to make our War Book as complete a record as possible, and will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

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