

Feb 3, 1917.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY
307TH INFANTRY
CAMP UPTON, N. Y.

Mr. A. R. Silvers.

I am in re-
ceipt of letter to and I can
honestly say that it re-
minds me of far better
places than the army. Not
that the army is the
worst place in the world,
but I can assure you it is
not the best. But in spite
that men are here for a
good purpose and that
makes Army life tolerable.
I have recently be advanced
to the grade of sergeant and
to the training I received
at college last year. When I
first arrived here, it re-
minded so much of college.

most everybody was talking
about their officers and
the foot ball team to be.

We had a fair team
and it was composed of
both enlisted men and
officers. The majority of us
were college men. We

played but one game, which
we lost to Camp Blewett

Mass. I have not as yet
received the Sargum and
the quarterly referred to in
the letter you sent me.

Thanking you very much
for your favor and wishing
the college much success
in the future I am

Michael W. Herskum
C. W.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Dear Reed-

Have sent you
hope before to mt-
1st Lieut. M.R.C.

engaged in X-Ray
work. At present
stationed at Cornell
Medical College.

Future address
unknown, per-
manent ditto.

Do you expect to be
present at game box 3?
Expect to be down
at m.

Bill Thurman

1/9/18

War Service Bureau
Putney College,

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst., and will willingly give you the information you desire.

Your address
Mr. Huchman
as follows.

Carp. Mike Herschman

307th Inf M. H. Co.

Camp Upton
Yaphank

L. I.

Hoping I have
given the necessary
information I am,

Yours Truly,

Mrs. M. Herschman

February 5th. 1918.

Sergeant Michael M/ Hershman,

Machine Gun Company,

307th Infantry,

Camp Upton, N.Y.

Dear Hershman:-

Thank you for your letter of February 3rd.
and for your good word about the Rutgers Service Letters.
I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the Targum
and the Quarterly and hope that you will enjoy them.

Very truly yours,

France. [7]

May 7, 1918

Mrs. E. B. Silvers:

Dear Sir:

I beg to inform
you as to my change of
address in order that
you may forward to me
the literature sent to
Rutgers Alumni in the
service. It is as follows:
Capt. Hushman - 307th Inf. -
M. S. Co. - American C.F. - B.C.F.

I have not received
the weekly letter for
quite some time and

therefor am in a
quandary as to the
College Activities and
as you probably know
I am very much
interested in the same.
The country in which
we are stationed is
very pretty and our
accommodations are
first class. Reference: "Guy
Carpenter's Over the Top" or
"The First Call". The food
is excellent considering

circumstances in spite of the
the constant use of

Marmalade. By gum I
sure do hope the supply
of Marmalade runs
low and then we will
probably get Jam for
"tea" - English for dinner.

There are several other
Putgers men in this vic-
inity one is a '16 man
and the other an '18 man.
I will now close hoping
to hear from you soon.
Yours Truly,
J. Hershman '20

June 22,
1918.

Sergt. Michael Hershman
307th Infantry,
M. S., Co.
American Expeditionary Forces,
B. E. F.

My dear Mr. Hershman:

I am glad to have word of you and to know your address. It was good of you to write and we shall be most pleased to continue to send you our War Service letters. I am enclosing one or two of the letters so that you can find out what has been happening about the campus. If you come across any Rutgers men I do wish that you would let me know their names and addresses so that I can place them on our list. If you have the time will you jot down on the enclosed postal the names of the two Rutgers men whose classes you mentioned in your letter.

Good luck to you and all best wishes.

Cordially yours,

FRS/W

Enc.

Spencer
July 26

Dear Mr. Pilmer:

I received all the alumni letters you have forwarded this far and they are ^{are} sure do interest me and, also very welcome. Just a bit of news. I am now spending my time in a hospital and have been doing so for the past month, due to my being "gassed" during a bombardment. I was blind for about 14 days and am still in bed suffering from the effects of the gas which unfortunately was "mustard gas." As to the Rutgers men I referred to

are "Lew" Charles '16 and
"Stutch" Sherman '19 who
by the way is a Lt. I
was fortunate when I
arrived at this hospital, I
had two visitors, "Dip" Gae
who taught at "Prep" in '15 and
'16 and "Lew" Gae. Rep '16
Dip's brother. I will have
close on hopes that this
fine condition at College
improving soon

(Sgt. Hershman to
you may address my mail
as before to M. B. Co.

TELEPHONE 8860 CHELSEA

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C A Brave Soldier

Sgt. Michael Hershman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo D. Hershman of 255 Cumberland st., was inducted into the service in September, 1917, and sent to Camp Upton, where he trained until April, 1918, at which time the regiment was sent overseas. On June 24 he was seriously gassed while in the Lorraine sector. He was blinded for three weeks and speechless for ten days. After spending three months at the hospital he returned to his regiment. On September 29 he died as a result of wounds received in the Argonne Forest.

Before entering the service Sgt. Hershman was a student at Rutgers, and was very prominent in athletic circles while at Rutgers, and also while at Erasmus Hall High School.

Extract from letter dated January 15, from S. M. Cleveland, chaplain, Base Hospital 86, formerly chaplain 307th Inf.:

"I remember Sgt. Michael Hersh-



MICHAEL HERSCHMAN

, 1884

man very well. I do not suppose there was any one first sergeant of any of the companies of our regiment who was so loved and looked up to by the men of his command as Sgt. Mike.

"It was in the Argonne, when we were making the difficult advance over those steep, brushy hillsides, against the German machine gun positions, and just as the machine gun company was advancing under heavy shell and machine gun fire against a strong point called Depot des Machines, in the center of the forest, while they were setting up one of their guns behind the wall of an old German cemetery, that Sgt. Hershman was badly wounded by the explosion of a gas shell. He jumped in front of his men when the shell started to fall close by, in order to protect them as much as possible by being between them and the bursting shell. He was badly wounded, but not killed. We took him once to the first aid post, about a half mile to the rear, where he made of the gamest, most uncomplaining struggles for his life I have ever seen. However, before morning he had away very happily, his last words being a request to be remembered to his dear ones at home and that the man who was wounded at the same time he was, Casimere, might recover. He and Warburton were buried side by side near that post. * * * May I close my personal tribute, that in my opinion no better soldier and more devoted in the regiment than

assigned to Company E, 307th Infantry, he lived with his wife and his mother-in-law at 647 East Fifth Street. He was born in Warsaw and came here eight years ago. He was formerly a jobber and manufacturer of shoelaces. Sergeant Michael Hirschman, severely wounded, lived at 1,116 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, before he was assigned to the machine gun unit of the 307th Infantry. He played on the football and baseball teams of Erasmus Hall High School 1912 to 1914. Later at Rutgers College he played half back on the football team and caught on the baseball nine. Private Patrick Fee, severely wounded, formerly lived at 25 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, and had served five years on the police force. Fee was born in Ireland twenty-seven years ago. At the time he was drafted, last October, he was attached to the Classon Avenue Station. Private Eugene Munson, Jr., of 1,533 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, who is severely wounded, is a machine gunner with the 307th Infantry. He went to France last April. Munson was graduated at Public School 92 and is a member of the Flatbush Boys' Club, and in his last letter home wrote of the "wonderful training we are getting over here."

August 16, 1918

Sergt. Mikhael Hershman
307th Inf. M.G.Co.,
A.E.F., D.E.F.

Dear Mr. Hershman:

Your letter was very welcome. As I had read in the paper only a few weeks ago that you were very seriously injured, it is good to know that you are well enough to write and we appreciate your thought in writing us here of your injury. The experience you underwent must have been an awful one and I send my most sincere sympathy. I hope that you will completely recover and will feel no permanent effects from the gas.

With the kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

February,
Twenty-fourth,
1919

Mr. Morris Hershman,
2108 Regent Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Hershman:--

I have heard recently that
your son Michael Hershman has been killed in action.

May I send to you my deepest
sympathy, I knew your Son well during the year he spent
at Rutgers.

We are very anxious to pay a fitting tribute
to his memory in the April issue of the "Alumni Quarterly";
and we shall be very grateful if you will send us the details
of his life - The place and date of his birth - Preparatory
schooling - Business career--Military career - etc. We
would also like a picture of him, which will be used in
connection with the "In Memoriam Article".

Anything you may send will be taken care of,
and returned to you un-harmed.

Very sincerely yours,

KRS/W

April 4th, 1919.

Mr. Theo. Hershman,
255 Cumberland Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hershman:-

I shall be very grateful if you will
send me, at your earliest convenience, a photograph of your
son, the late Sergeant Michael H.

We have now on hand pictures of all
Ritgers men, who have died in the service, and we are very
anxious to have your son's photograph along with the others.
If you have not one in your possession, perhaps you can tell
us where we may secure one.

With deepest sympathy for you and Mrs.
Hershman in your big loss, I am,

Very sincerely yours,