

STARR GOULD HOLLY '21  
(First Rutgers man to be Wounded in Action)

Story told by his father, Isaac M. Holly '89, July 8, 1918.

Starr enlisted in the Medical Corps in September, and was sent to Governor's Island for Training. Shortly after Christmas was detailed to Camp Upton; and on January 4 sailed for France as a Sergeant, first class, with the 407th Motor Supply Train. Went to Glasgow, then to Winchester, and was finally sent to the American sector at Toul and Nancy. An order was issued by General Pershing, asking for volunteers to make a very dangerous expedition to the front line with lumber and medical and Red Cross supplies for a hospital, which was to be built. Holly volunteered, and after the hospital was built, only 5 out of the 41 men who went with him returned. They were shelled by a German airplane and horribly damaged. Holly was unconscious for two weeks. Was removed to Base Hospital Number 8, and there met several Rutgers men. On May 1, he was sent back to Newport News; and then to a General Hospital at Fort Porter, Buffalo, N.Y., where he is now on light duty.



315 Gates Ave.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Oct. 1, 1918

Dear Mr. Silvers:-

Little do you know, how much good your letters have done me, and I certainly appreciate your wonderful efforts in keeping in touch with the boys "In service". We all are thankful to you for your endeavors.

After suffering from a shock received at the front. I was honorably discharged from the Hospital at Buffalo N. Y. being disabled. "In line of duty". I am now a civilian for a while.

I should have written to you earlier Mr. Silvers but

up until the present time was  
really too busy to do so, for, after  
being discharged "to duty" from  
the Hospital in hopes that I  
could continue on in the "Service"  
I was quite busy in trying  
to uphold my end, silently  
hoping to go back to France  
and the Front, but after a  
final examination I was  
seen to be unfit for further  
service and Honorably discharged  
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I shall endeavor to come  
and see you.

Thanking you once more for  
your much appreciated letters  
Sincerely, I am, your friend  
Stark S. Holly



October 1  
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Sgt. Starr G. Holly,  
315 Gates Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Holly:

I am mighty glad to have your letter of October 1 and to know that you are no longer in the hospital. I have been very much interested in your military career and have been wondering about you continually. There is no doubt but that you have done your part in the big cause and I congratulate you for the service you have rendered the country. If you can drop out to New Brunswick to see me I shall be very pleased to welcome you.

Cordially yours,

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