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April 21st, 1921.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
Assistant to the President,
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Silvers:-

This is a very delayed answer to your letter of March 8th headed "Ruthers Men in War Service." I note you state that you simply have against my record -- Transferred to Regional Office, American Embarkation Center, Le Mans, March 7, 1919. U. S. A. May, 1919.

I served through the war with several divisions - first, as Divisional Athletic Director of the 91st or Wild West Division composed of California, Washington, Oregon and Montana men. I went through the Argonne with them and was gassed during the October offensive.

I went through the Lys Cheldt Campaign in Belgium, partly with the 91st - later I was attached to the Staff of the General commanding the British Troops in the Belgian-Flanders fronts, being in at Tournai, Douha Combrai, Valcinnes and Mons. I was then returned to the 91st Staff in the capacity of Regional Athletic Director for Belgium and Northern France.

The 91st went to Le Mans to be outfitted and was then sent back to the States. I stayed with them several months and then was transferred to the Staff of General Hale of the 26th or famous Y. D. Division composed of New England men. After they received their sailing orders and had left Le Mans, I was put in charge of General Athletics, Organization and Entertainment work for the entire Le Mans area where I stayed

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until called to Paris to act on the A. E. F. and Olympic Games Committee. Owing to illness in my family I had to return to the United States before the completion of the games.

This is a brief synopsis of my travels and different positions. There is nothing more of note except that I received a citation. I trust that this is not too late in reaching you and again beg your pardon for the delay which was due to the fact that I had moved from one place to another and my mail was rather confused for some time.

I am, With best wishes and good luck for Old Rutgers,

Very truly yours,

WWH/JB

Willis W. Howell

April 22, 1921.

Mr. Willis W. Howell,
Ford, Lambert & Co.,
40 Exchange Place,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Howell:-

I am very glad to have your letter of April 21st, containing your complete war record. In our War Book, we are also listing all citations and shall be very grateful for an exact copy of the citation you received. May we have it at your early convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

ERS:B

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