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Harold Latta
Base Hospital 57
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Dear Mr. Silver,

Rutgers was
service letters number 8888 and
888 have both reached me
within the last few days,
and was mighty glad to
receive them, and to learn
of all college activities.
I can say that I am
well and that my
surroundings are entirely
satisfactory.

I was mighty glad to
learn of the success of the
football team, and it has been
found that surprises are
always welcome, but I dare
say that Roberson, Baker, and all
the eleven didn't welcome the
surprise. Probably Dinwiddie will give
them at the Great Lakes Games.
But at that Rutgers was
mighty in a way to me, come to

the team being in poor condition.
As to relics and
souvenirs, I might say
that I have few of any
account, I might add that
I had some but lost track
of them upon being wounded.

To be sure all American
regiments at the close of Peace,
and know Rutgers is proud
of her men who fought in this
cause of rights and for those who
has given their lives, we may
apply the statement of Connecticut's
president "Death found them at
the post of duty."

I will close now as it is
getting late. Hoping this
reaches you in best of health
I'll say. ever yours

Harold W. Letts.

Ypsilanti 10/3/18

Mr. Carl R. Silvers

Dear Sir:

The letter from the War Service Bureau of College, written August 23rd, reached me on Sept. 26th, and in truth greatly appreciated. It reached me in a much needed period, the period which found me in the thick of it, right in the line being in the medical branch, during a quiet spell I found time to read your letter on the 26th.

I was up most of the night of the 26th & busy on the next day right up to 3.15 PM the afternoon, when one of Billy's shells wouldn't get out of my way, but instead bursted a foot or so above my head, a piece of the shrapnel wounding me in the humerus of the right arm, the explosion & force of the shell whirled me about 30 feet and I picked myself up & beat it for our dressing station, as we were operating a dressing station very close by. As I entered

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the dressing room, my Captain saw the first man of our company to be wounded. I had my arm dressed & got into one of our ambulances & went to the nearest hospital. There I met the first real woman, an American Red Cross nurse. I stayed in that hospital over night and was transferred to this hospital. I was to be evacuated from here to an American base & rest hospital (camp) but as they are short of help here, I am assisting in the dressing room of this hospital. My arm is doing very well, and I am indeed a lucky one. Ducking shells is more than our job; but now I want to get all I can out of my rest & get back and help other fellows as I have been doing. Yes the true Rangers men have been sacrificed in this big job; but we must keep on and keep Old Glory floating high in the breeze, for she is the flag of flags.

Warrior College has opened for another

year and was glad to learn of such
good prospects for the entering class. There is no
doubt that the Army Training Corps has a
good deal to do with it. Needless to say
Rutgers will be proud of that in but short
time to come. I was also glad to learn of the
deep interest taken in the College for Women.

I must bring this time to close as the
writing position is not a comfortable one
for a wounded arm. Again assuring you
of my appreciation and hoping to hear more
from dear old Rutgers, I am hoping you
will excuse paper & pencil; as facilities
are not of the best in a hospital.

Hoping for a fine college year I'll
say Au revoir.

Sincerely
Harold M. Latta

October 20 1918

Harold W. Letts
311 Ambulance Co.,
303 Sanitary Train,
Am. E. F.

Dear Mr. Letts:

I was mighty glad to receive your
letter of September 5, and mighty sorry to hear
that you have been wounded. I sincerely hope
that you are by this time recovered from your
injury.

Very sincerely yours,