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O'Company
Plattsburgh Training Camp
Plattsburgh, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Demarest-

I am writing you regarding my plans for this summer. I ask you to help me if you can do so.

I am up here with the R.O.T.C. and this is a mighty fine camp but one month is all too short. What we get here is fine but you can only get so much in one month. Now what I would like to do would be to attend another camp after this one but have not both the time and money. As you know I am working my way thru college and need the summers work to make some money for next year. I will not be 21 till next Feb. and expect to finish College. I have been thinking of Princeton Summer Camp but can not give up the time and the necessary \$150. both. That Camp

opens late this month but I believe
men leaving here can enter there late.
It lasts till the 26th of August. Now
if I could go down there and get a
Command of some kind, temporary or
something in the Battalion it would be
just what I would like to get, exper-
ience in command. Here we learn the
work and if I could get a command at
another camp after this camp and get
experience in commanding would help
me a lot next year when I hope to enter
an Officers Training Camp. Princeton Camp
is elementary training for younger men
and after the month here and the
three years at Rutgers I would be
able to hold an officership in the Camp
and get this experience if I could get the ^{officership}.

But I cannot give up both the time
and money. If I could get a scholarship
to the Princeton Summer Camp could
give up the time and be able to come
back to College next year by living more
economically. Would be willing to do this
however for the further training such
a camp would give me if I could get
an officership there.

What I want to ask you to do for



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me if you can is to see whether any scholarships are offered and whether or not I could get one also to see whether I would get an officership or instructorship as I would not want to go there as a private, get no experience in command and just repeat as a private what I have done both here and at college. I would greatly appreciate anything you could do for me in this matter. I hope I have made clear what I would like to do - go to Princeton Camp on a scholarship if any such are offered and get some experience in command applying that which I have learned both here and at college.

Thanking you for your trouble and assuring you that I will appreciate any thing you can do I am
Very truly yours
Henry R. Perkins

Am almost sure I have made good
here and will get a good recommend-
ation when I leave, if that will help
any.

File under Perkins

June 26, 1918.

The Commanding Officer,
Princeton Summer Camp,
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Henry W. Perkins, of the class of 1919 of Rutgers College, is now at the Reserve Officers' Training Camp, at Plattsburg, N.Y. At the conclusion of that camp, he is anxious to attend another camp where he may secure some experience in command. He has requested me to write you, asking if might enter the Princeton Camp as an instructor, possibly as a junior officer, and receive a scholarship covering tuition in return for his services.

Mr. Perkins has had three years of military training in the Rutgers Cadet Battalion, the last two years as a non-commissioned officer. He is possessed of the qualities of leadership, has an attractive personality, and is both ambitious and industrious. If any such arrangement as he suggests is possible, I feel certain that he is particularly fitted for the position he seeks.

I shall appreciate your kindness if you will reply at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President

June 27,
1918.

Mr. Henry E. Perkins,
 'O' Company
 Plattsburgh Training Camp,
 Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Dear Si:

Thank you very much for your postal which reached me a day or two ago. If you get a chance to write to Jones drop him a line, as the Wesleyan crowd is still after him.

Dr. Demarest is now on a vacation and your letter to him concerning the Princeton camp has been turned over to me. I have written to the commanding officer of the camp and will let you know as soon as I hear from him.

Good luck to you and all best wishes.

Yours in the bonds,

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PRINCETON, N. J.

June 29, 1918.

*Mr Earl Reed Silvers,
War Service Bureau,
Rutgers College
New Brunswick, N.J.*

Dear sir:-

In reply to your letter of June 26th in behalf of Mr. Henry W. Perkins, my answer is as follows. Mr. Perkins will be taken as a member of this camp on exactly the same conditions as others. Board and tuition for summer course will be \$150. If he is the type of man indicated in your letter he will be given opportunity to command, but not exclusive opportunity, as there will be a number of other men in camp in exactly the same condition. The opportunity to command on the part of the student in camp is a privilege from which he derives more benefit than he would were he in the ranks.

As head of the Military Department I certainly shall not recommend that the University remit the tuition of any student on account of his ability to command.

Yours Sincerely,

*John H. Pearson
Lieut. Col. N. A.*