



"WITH THE COLORS"



Co A 303 Engineers
Camp Dix N.J.
April 23 1918

My dear Mr. Silvers.

Last Saturday I had a talk with Major Bigelow and he told me that there was to be another Officers Training School on or about May 15th and he advised me to write to you for further information. I have been unable to get any information about the camp down here.

Would you be so kind as to send me what information you may have and the necessary blanks so that I can put in my application through the college? Lieutenant Stang a Rutgers man who was a member of Co A and just graduated from the last camp advised me to get my application in as soon as possible.

I beg to remain yours truly

Hugo M. Pfaltz Ex '19
Private Co A 303rd Eng.

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July 13 1918

My dear Mr. Silvers

I just recieved Bullitins #21 & 22
and I can't tell you how glad I am
to recieve these little reminders
of old Rutgers. I suppose you
hear so many of these expressions
of thanks from the boys
that you are tired of them but
I assure you that for us each
bulletin straps up a touch of
home sickness. By the way
my former room mate John
Gordon Forbes ex '18 in in France
with Co H 312th Infantry, American
Ex. Forces. I am sure he would
appreciate it if you put him
on your mailing list. Addison
Shell '19 is also in Co H. I saw
them both the day I landed
but have not seen them since

I suppose you will laugh to hear that I have been appointed bugler in my company. I suppose a college man ought to aspire higher but I consider the position one of responsibility because when we get to the front we buglers will act as messengers. By the way Jack Forbes is also bugler.

It was a great disappointment to me not to have been appointed to the 7th O.T.C. from Rutgers. Now that I am in France it will be hard for me to get into communication with you so I ~~wish~~ wish you would consider me as an applicant in case there is another Officer's Training School and give me an appointment if you can.

I was very sorry to hear of the tragic death of Red Reese. I saw him at Dix before we left and he was trying to get a transfer to our regiment.

~~Maybe~~ I see you are starting a museum of war relics. If you want them I can send you the following relics.

- 1 badly battered British mess kit
- 1 Helmet nationality unknown
- 1 Bent and rusty scabbard and
- 1 heaping shovel full of the famous French glue mud

If we get into Germany I hope to be able to send you an empty champagne bottle full of Rhine wine, ~~mean~~ water. I'll take care of the wine myself.

As soon as payday dawns I shall have my photo's taken and shall send you one. My address is Pvt Hugo Pfaltz Co A 303 Engineers American Expeditionary Forces.

I remain your sincerely

Hugo M Pfaltz
Rutgers 19

August 2, 1918.

Private Hugo M. Pfaltz,
Co A, 303rd Engineers,
American Ex. Forces

Dear Mr. Pfaltz,

If you can send us the badly battered British mess kit, the helmet ~~and~~ ^{of} unknown, and all the other relics mentioned in your good letter of July 13th, both the College and the War Service Bureau will be deeply indebted to you. We want everything from France we can possibly get. And when the bottle of Rhine water comes, we shall have a big celebration here on the campus.

I understand that it is practically impossible for men already in France to return to Officers' Training Schools, but if there is anything which can be done about recommending you for the next camp, you may be sure that we will do it.

It was fine to hear about Forbes and Shell, especially the former, as we did not know he was in service. Write again when you have the time, and let us have all the news you can pick up.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,



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Sept 27 1918

My dear Mr. Silvers.

I want to thank you for the personal letter you sent me early in August. The Bulletins are fine I look forward to them every mail day but a personal letter from the college is 100% better. I am looking forward to the day (which, let me tell you, is not far off when I can resume my studies at old Rutgers again. A man does not really appreciate his alma mater until he is away from her and now old Rutgers means much more to me than ever before.

I am sorry that I can't send you souvenirs. I have seen lots of interesting things such as breast plates for German snipers, ~~and~~ various hand grenades helmets etc. but there is no way for me to send them back and I can't carry them ~~and~~ my already too heavy

pack. Besides the "dough boys" have
the pickings of souvenirs and when
we Engineers get up there is nothing left.
Nevertheless if I get a chance to pick up
some interesting articles I shall send them.
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have a collection of the various hand grenades
but at present it is absolutely forbidden
to send or even pick up hand grenades.

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engineering work for our brave and
victorious "dough boys"; and we are
all expecting the next big push. The
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in the French and British sectors. But
Germany is like a boxer who is groggy
after a long hard bout but to game
to throw up the sponge. They are fighting
a losing battle with a courage and desperate
worthy of a better cause but we'll
put over the knock out soon and then
we'll all come back again. If the
civil population can hold out through
this winter, after the reverse, they

have sustained we'll knock him
out next Spring and Summer.

Give my regards to all in the
office and let me hear from you
again, if you have time, and tell
me some thing about my class, the
class of 89/9.

I remain your sincerely,
Hugo M Pfaltz.

Fives George
1st May, 1889

From Private Hugo M. Pfaltz '19

France, Sept. 27, 1918

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Give my regards to all in the office and let me hear from you again, if you have time, and tell me some thing about my class, the class of 1919.

October 30
1918

Private Hugo Pfaltz,
Co. A, 303rd Engineers,
American E.F.

Dear Mr. Pfaltz:

It was very good of you to write
your letter of September 27 and we appreciate your con-
tinued interest in the college. I wish you all good luck
in the big work you are carrying on and trust that I may
see you again in New Brunswick in the not far distant future.

Cordially yours,

ERS/HWC



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Feb 8 1919

My dear Mr. Silvers

I have not gotten news letters lately and I hope you have not discontinued them. The other day I happened to read a small article in the New York Herald and, later on, in other papers, commenting on the proposal of Mr. Kahn that Rutgers college collect 500 letters written by men of the A.E.F. and publish them. This proposal seems to have aroused quite a little comment and I am enclosing a clipping from the "Edwards and Stipes" referring to it. Does the College intend to undertake this work. I hope they do because it will be a big thing for the college. Will you let me know what they are going to do about it.

Here is your museum of souvenirs
getting on. I am sorry that I could
not send you any but it was
out of the question. I could not
carry anything more on my pack.
I should have liked to have sent
you a saw edged German bayonet
which a friend of mine had. He
has lost it however.

We are now in quarters around
Summer Côte d'Or waiting to
go home. If possible I shall take
advantage of the government's
proposal to send college men to the
French Universities.

I remain yours sincerely
Hugo M Pfaff
Co A 303^d Engin.
Amer Forces

March 18th, 1919.

Mr. Hugo M. Pfaltz,
Co. A, 303d Engrs.,
Amex, Forces.

My dear Mr. Pfaltz:-

Mr. Kahn's suggestion was not for Rutgers College to select the best letters from the A. E. F., but for a Government Official to do so at Washington. So you see we will not have that gigantic task to undertake.

We are, however, planning to publish a book of letters from our Rutgers' men, and I hope that you will write us whatever possible, so that we may include some of your epistles among those printed.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to President.

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April 22 1919
Headquarters United States
A.P.O. 909.

My dear Mr. Silver.

I received your personal letter some time ago and was very glad to hear from you. I want to tell you that I am now Stock Clerk in the Chemistry Laboratory and rate as instructor in the A. E. F. University at Beaune. J. H. Perry '19 is also here as instructor in dairying in the department of Agriculture. As far as I know he and I are the only Rutgers men on the Faculty. Jimmie Williams '19 is a student in Engineering. So you see the class of '19 is well represented here.

This is certainly a great experience for me. I am living in the barracks with the instructors. ~~men~~ from every university in God's country

and a good many Frenchmen who are in the French Department.

This university covers a bigger field than any university in the world we teach everything from Business English to ~~Conversational~~ conversational Persian & Armenian. Our professors are drawn from the leading men in their branches in the States. For example the Chemistry Department has Prof. Norris head of organic chemistry at Mass. ~~Inst.~~ Tech. and Prof. Sellers of Chicago. The other departments also have beaucoup big educational guns.

This whole University is an experiment which may revolutionize the educational system of the United States. Whether it will succeed or not, time alone will tell. ~~That~~ I am very glad to be behind the scenes in this great movement and I may have some interesting things to tell you when I get back. If you want any information on any particular feature of this work,

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let me know and I shall get it
for you.

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Yours very sincerely
Bugs M. P. fals

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War Service Bureau,
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New Brunswick, N. J.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
Director.

Gentlemen:-

Your circular letter addressed to my son Mr. Hugo M. Pfaltz has been received, as also the circular signed by Mr. W. H. S. Damarest, and I beg to advise that my son is still with the 78th Division A.E.F. in France. He has served through the war as bugler, and is now assistant to the Professor of the University at Beaune, which has been founded by the United States Government for the benefit of the American Soldier in France.

We received this morning a letter from Hugo in which he writes very enthusiastically about his studies at the present moment, and about the splendid work of the United States, which is the wonder of every native Frenchman, as they simply cannot understand how a country a few thousand miles away can found such a splendid institution for the benefit of its soldiers.

I am sure my son Hugo when he returns will be pleased to greet you on the campus again, but, in the meantime you must excuse him, as he is still doing his duty to his country.

I will forward the circulars with a copy of this letter to my son today.

Yours very truly,

HP-MMC.

Henry Pfaltz

May 20th, 1919.

Mr. Henry Pfaltz,
300 Pearl Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Pfaltz:

Thank you for your letter of May 19th,
and for the news about your son, Hugo.

It is very good of you to write us and
tell what he is doing. The experience should be inval-
uable to him.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

ERS/b