419 Main Street
Orange, N.J.
Sept 4th, '17

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

Dear Reed:-

I am in receipt of your letter to the alumni requesting information concerning individual participation in the military scheme of things.

I am pleased to submit my little report although I wish I could say that I am in active service. On May 14, 1917 I enrolled for the Naval Reserve in the Third Naval District but have not been called to duty yet. The information you desire is, as requested

Thomas U. Purrington '14
Electrician 1st Class, (G),
United States Naval Reserve Force,
Class 4.

The "(G)" signifies "general electrician".
There doesn't seem to be any probability of my being called to duty in the near future, as I read a letter from the Navy Yard recently received, but I hope to get in the service eventually.

Trusting that the data is complete, I am,

Yours very truly
Tom Purrington

P.S. Please note change of address from 46 Park Place, East Orange, N.J. to 419 Main Street, Orange, N.J.

T.U.P.

September 5, 1917

Mr. Thomas U. Purrington,

419 Main Street

Orange N.J.

Dear Tom:-

Thank you for your letter of September 4th. I am glad to know that you have offered yourself and hope that you may have a chance at whatever service you desire. Drop me a line when you find the time.

Very sincerely yours,

Class

1121 Bedford Ave.
Brooklyn N.Y.
Feb. 3, 1918

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

Dear Reed: —

I have been pleased to receive the circular letters you are sending out periodically and also the Quarterly. The January number of the Quarterly I was especially interested in as I know some of the contributors Worth Farley, Ned Ingham & George Whisler. It is a pleasant thing to know that the few representatives of the College earlier in the war won such distinction, 3 of them, as the Crois de guerre.

I am still stationed at the Navy Yard as Instructor in the Electrical School until I can transfer to some more active and direct work. Perhaps you may be

interested in knowing that since the 1st of January I have been rated Chief Electrician.

Jack Elliott has been commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Aviation Section, Signal Corps Reserve and has reported for duty under orders.

I understand that Roy Anderson has been quite fortunate in being assigned to work at the Naval Academy.

The College basketball team seems to have made a good showing, particularly in the games with Yale & Lafayette. Have they another Sanford to coach the team?

When sending mail to the Yard marking it "Building 14" makes the delivery quicker, or it can be sent to the above address.

With best regards

Yours sincerely,

Tom Purrington '14.

February 5th. 1918.

Mr. Thomas Purrington,

1121 Bedford Ave,

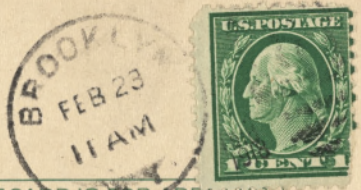
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Tom:-

I was glad to get your letter of February 3rd. and to know that you have been receiving the service letters from the college. Thank you for the note concerning Jack Elliott, and for the information concerning your own promotion.

Good luck to you and best wishes,

Cordially yours,





EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Brooklyn
Washington's Birthday

Dear Reed:—

Jack Elliott's address is:—

Lieut. J.S.E. S.C.R.
Ellington Field
Olcott
Texas

Yours truly
Tom Purrington

U.S. Naval Air Station
c/o U.S.S. Melville
c/o Postmaster
New York

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers, Editor
Rutgers Alumni Quarterly
New Brunswick, N.J., U.S.A.

Dear Reed:—

This is to notify you of change of address and to advise that I am some 2800 miles nearer the fight.

We are located in a camp on a hill and are quite comfortably quartered having cots (in C.P.O. hut, the "gobs" swing their hammocks), electric lights, showers, wash houses, etc. All hands in camp are busy and we operate on the daylight-saving plan which is standard for the country here, clocks being put ahead 1 hour March 25. There is more than enough rain and boots are uniform a good deal of the time. When I first came there was a famous regiment of the — Army near our camp and the fraternization was enjoyable — they are some fighters.

If you will send the Quarterly and the bill to the above address I shall be obliged.

With best regards

Tom Purrington

Thomas Upton Purrington

May 1, 1918.

Thomas U. Purrington,
U. S. Naval Air Station,
Care U. S. S. Melville,
Care Postmaster, New York City.

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of recent date telling of your change of address. I was most certainly surprised to hear that you are so far away as I thought you were still at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. I shall send the Quarterly to your new location and am addressing the envelope for it this very minute.

Good luck to you and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director

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