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U. S. NAVAL FORCES OPERATING IN
EUROPEAN WATERS

England
Aug 16 1918

Naval Service Bureau
Rutgers College.

Dear Mr. Silvers:

A few days ago I received two of the letters sent out by you for the benefit of Rutgers men in the service. And am writing this short letter to you to show my appreciation of the letters and you cannot realize how much they mean to men in the service to read of the college where they spent their best days.

I suppose things are rather quiet about college these days but I suppose toward the end of the month things will begin to liven up. I hope that the summer session was a success

and that this ⁽²⁾year's Freshman
class will be large altho I
know the war has taken a
good many of the boys away.
But I guess we shall be
"there" as usual when the
foot ball season opens. How
is the out look? Will "Landy"
& "Jake" still be with us? That
is about all we need.

Since leaving the states I have
^{not} met one But guess new. I was
in France awhile and while
there read in the Paris Edition
of the New York Herald of the
death of Sherman Conklin and of
Jimmie Sears. That certainly
is too bad as they both were
good boys. But we have to
expect that. They all won't
come back alive.

Conditions are quite bad over
here. I really think conditions
are worse here in England than

in France. Here in England (3)
every thing is sky high Eggs about
10¢ a piece & no sugar and
you can only buy a cent an
amount of it. But I really
think ^{in France} things are a great deal
better but the U.S.P. are keeping
them on their feet. They practically
run every thing. And believe me
the people of France realize it
& appreciate it and have great
respect for us.

I certainly would like to tell
you of some of our wild experiences
but the censors do not permit it
We are now operating in the English
Channel so you know we are
kept quite busy.

With love now hoping you
are in the best of health &
prosperity. I would certainly
appreciate a copy of the Alumni
Quarterly for July

fishing the College the best
of luck for the coming season
I remain

Sincerely Yours
John Rastall

ADDRESS ME:

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September 9, 1918.

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Dear Mr. Rastall:

Thank you for your letter of August 16th which
has just reached me. I am mighty glad to hear of your experiences
since leaving Rutgers and I hope you will write me again when you
find time.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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