

249 E. Walnut St.,  
Westfield, N.J.,  
Sept. 4, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Silvers; -

In reply to your letter of August 28<sup>th</sup> regarding an Assistant instructor in the Military Department at Rutgers College, I must state that since leaving the training camp I have passed the Draft examination and am now awaiting a call to service. Consequently I am not free to accept your kind offer.

I wish to thank you for having offered me this opportunity and I hope that you will be able to fill the position with little further trouble.

Very sincerely yours,  
Walter D. Reese.





"WITH THE COLORS"



C. I. - 34<sup>th</sup> Eng'rs.,  
Camp Dix, N. J.  
April 14, 1918.

Mr. C. R. Silvers,  
Rutgers College,  
New Brunswick, N. J.  
Dear Sir;

I am at last in service  
and after having been transferred  
a number of times, have been  
placed with what I believe will  
be my permanent company.

My address is now ashore  
and I shall greatly appreciate  
any news that you may be able  
to send me concerning the college  
and Rutgers men both in and  
out of service.

Thanking you in advance  
for any word you may send  
me, I remain

Very sincerely yours,  
Walter A. Rees,  
Class of 1916.



April 18, 1918.

Mr. Walter D. Reese,  
Co. I, 34th Engr's,  
Camp Dix, N. J.

Dear Mr. Reese:

Mr. Silvers is suffering from an infection of boils and is unable to be at the office. He has asked me to thank you for your letter of April 14th and to tell you that we will send you the service letters regularly and any other literature that may be published at the college that will be of interest to you. In case you do change your address do not forget to notify us at once in order that you still may receive the letters as they are sent out.

Very truly yours,

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July 18<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Prof. Demarest.

Dear Sir.

We received your letter in regard to our son. Charles Elwood Reese.

I am very sorry that he shows a deficiency in his studies for the first year.

We have talked with him and found that he was so full of war that he said he just could not study the way he should.

He said he felt like a slacker walking on the streets. He wanted to get in something before but we did not give our consent.

But now he<sup>(2)</sup> has enlisted in  
Naval Aviation and was  
called on June 19. to the Recruiting  
Ship. In. N. T. Naval Aviation  
Detachment Cambridge Mass.  
I had a letter from him this  
week saying he wore his uni-  
form for the first time over the  
weekend, and that it cer-  
tainly felt fine to be in the  
uniform of the good old U. S. A.  
and that now he could look  
anyone in the eyes, who  
wants to kill patriotism like  
that.

It was very hard for me  
to give him up as I suppose  
you heard of his Brother's  
death a graduate of 1916 of good  
old Rutgers.



Walter D. Reese died June 9<sup>th</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>  
by a self inflicted wound.  
the dr says it was no  
doubt a contraction left by the  
measles which he had only  
<sup>had</sup> five weeks before.

I thought I would let you  
know about Elwood we tried  
very hard to have him finish  
his four years but he said he  
could not put his mind on  
it when there were things of  
so much more importance  
to do

Yours Very Truly,

Wm. Chas D. Reese  
249 E Walnut St  
Westfield  
N. J.



July 30, 1918.

Mrs. Charles D. Reese,  
249 E. Walnut Street,  
Westfield, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Reese,

Your letter of July 18th to Dr. Demarest has brought before me the fact that I have I never written you concerning the death of your son Walter. It is something which should have been done long ago.

I had the good fortune to know him well, both in college and after graduation. He was very much of a man, courteous, honest, and loyal, and his death was a distinct shock to us all. I am enclosing a War Service Letter containing a notice of his death; and under separate cover an Alumni Quarterly is being mailed. Walter's name is on the Rutgers Honor Roll as a son of the College who has given his life for his country.

Most sincerely yours,



October 1,

1918.

Mr. W. Reese,  
249 E. Walnut St.,  
Westfield, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Reese:

I am planning to print in the October issue of the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly pictures of all our Rutgers men who have died in the service. I shall be very grateful if you will send me as soon as possible a photograph of Walter so that I may print it along with the others.

Very sincerely yours,

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