

Cadet Barracks,
Park Field,
Millington, Tenn.,
Jan. 4, 1917.

Dear Sil:

Just a line to let you know
that I am now "aviating" here.

Sindeburg '19 is also here.

Colville '16, who commanded my
squadron at Princeton, is at
Waco, Texas, as is Kittell '16.

When they had "On the Banks"
put on a Victrola record, I hardly
expected to hear it played half way
across the continent from the

Raritan, but one of the boys here
has the record, and it is a
great favorite. We hope it
will be "over there", too.

yours for old Rutgers,
Franklin M. Ritchie

January 10, 1918.

Cadet F. M. Richie,
Cadet Battery
Park Field
Millington, Tennessee.

Dear Richie:

I was glad to get your letter of January 4th and to know your new address. I am glad to hear of the other men, especially Kittell, as I had no record of him being in service.

Things at the College are going along the same as ever, although I miss the frequent calls from the Home News.

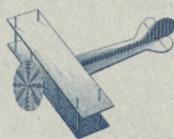
Please do not forget to let me know if there is any change in your address.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

ERS/MVH

UNITED STATES
SIGNAL CORPS AVIATION SCHOOL



PARK FIELD, TENN.

March 19, 1918.

Dear Silvers:

I want to ask a favor this time. When I left, I got Harold O'Neill to send in reports of Rutgers games to the New York papers for me, but he didn't get many in. These papers are all willing to use Rutgers stuff, and I understand that you send stories in, without getting anything for the space. I would like to ask if you would sign my name to stories for the Tribune, Sun or American. You could add "approved by Rutgers Press Bureau" or something like that. It means quite a bit to me, as army pay is pretty small and it would also help me get the job back after the war.

Lindenburg, who was here, has finished his course and has been commissioned a second lieutenant. He is now on ten days' leave up north. I expect to leave here very soon.

The letters from the college are a fine idea. Rutgers seems to be the only college doing anything of the sort, and a number of other college men here think it is an excellent plan and are trying to have it copied.

You may be surprised to learn that "On the Banks" is a great favorite here. One of the fellows has it on a graphophone record, and the others like it so much they are always whistling it.

Yours sincerely,
Franklin M. Ritchie

March 22, 1918.

Franklin M. Ritchie,
Cadet Battery Park Field,
Millington, Tenn.

Dear Ritchie:

I shall be very glad to file reports for you to the Tribune, Sun, and American whenever I send in accounts of games. I am so busy just now, however, that I seldom file any accounts, so if you do not see anything in the papers or do not hear from them, you will know that it is because I have not had the chance to write up such accounts and sent them in.

I hope that you will let me know when you leave Park Field and will give me your new address. It was good to have a word about Lindeburg.

With all good wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

Director

ERS/MVH



"WITH THE COLORS"



First Cadet Squadron,
Ellington Field,
Houston, Texas,

July 30, 1918.

Dear Silvers:

Your War Service Bureau letters have been a mighty pleasant link with the old college on the Raritan, and if they are as much appreciated by all who get them they are surely doing a big work.

You will notice that I have changed my address. Also 1st St. C. H. Luster, a Rutgers freshman when I was a lordly junior, is my squadron commander. Thus are the mighty fallen. St. C. J. Colville '14, is also here.

I have finished my course here and am now awaiting the arrival of my commission to hitch on my "Bevo" bars of gold - or brass or whatever they are. If I don't die of heat first I may soon be on my way "over there."

I have bombed every available spot on the Texas prairies hereabouts, have done night bombing and raiding, and have done so much "dummy" work that I am getting quite anxious to drop some TNT "pills" where they will do the most good in Berlin.

The letters from Rutgers men published in the Quarterly make very interesting reading and testify to the spirit of the old college.

The news that Jimmie Scarr and Sherman Conklin had made the big sacrifice was a good deal of a blow. It should send the rest of us forward, however, with even firmer determination to exact payment of the Hun, not out of revenge, but to make sure that their sacrifice shall not have been in vain.

Down here just at present it is a case of work when you have to and dodge the heat the rest of the time. I'll never kick about heat again if I ever get north.



"WITH THE COLORS"



There is no lack of recreation. There are two Y. M. C. A. huts and a Hostess House, and both Houston and Galveston within easy reach. Swimming and dancing are the popular forms of recreation for the officers and cadets, and there is plenty of opportunity for each.

Ellington Field is the first bombing field in the country and the course here is a very comprehensive one. We have a number of French and British fliers here to give us the benefit of their experience at the front.

Bombing pilots come here from all the other fields, so unless all the Rutgers fliers are going to be pursuit aces, I hope to meet some of them here. There is a pursuit school not far from here at Lake Charles, La.

I hope to get back to New Brunswick before going across. Hope the college will be as strong as ever despite the sending of men to the colors.

Thanking you again for the letters,
I am,

Yours sincerely,
Franklin M. Ritchie '15

August 5,
1918

Cadet Franklin M. Ritchie
First Cadet Squadron
Ellington Field, Texas.

Dear Ritchie:

Your letter of July 30th is mighty interesting and I am very glad to have it. I hope that your commission comes soon and that you may get across into active service as quickly as you desire. Please do not forget to send me your address whenever you move.

I am afraid we have had very poor results in the newspaper line. I have sent occasional dispatches over your name but have not seen any of them in print. However if there is anything I can do I shall most certainly try to attend to things for you.

Sincerely yours,

W.

POST



Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:

My present address is
Aero. Gen. Supply Depot & Conc. Camp,
Casual Officers' Detachment,
Garden City, L. I., N. Y.

My wife, whose address is
619-53rd St, Brooklyn, N. Y., or
my brother, Fenwick W. Ritchie,
who is now at Rutgers, will
be able to give any further
information after I go
overseas.

Many thanks for the
college letters.

Yours truly,
St. Franklin M. Ritchie.