



WAR WORK COUNCIL

ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

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Wednesday 11/7/1917

Dear Dr. Demarest;

It seems as life rolls along, the more you have to call upon the men who have done things for you in the past, to help you in the future. I will not state my business first, but will give you a brief informal paragraph on my life here.

I was drafted on the first call; left Albany with the first quota, Sept. 8th.; and was placed in Co. L, 303rd. Infantry, being located there with an acting sergeant's job until about four weeks ago. At that time, they began shifting men to the places best suited to their abilities, and I was shifted to Co. A, 301st. Engineers, where I am located now. I like the work much better, except in being



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transferred you lose your acting non-commissioned officers standing, and have to work up again. This is what I am calling upon you for, as I have a chance to get a 2nd. Lieutenantcy, if I am appointed to the training camp that is to be started about Jan. 1st.

To be appointed to this training camp a letter of recommendation from you, stating my two years of Military training at Rutgers, and my ability as shown by my yearly records; character; leadership; and, mental and physical quickness; principally, would be of the greatest assistance to me. I do not know to whom these letters of recommendation are to be addressed, but we have to turn them in to our company commander by the fifteenth

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of this month, and were only notified today, which gives us very little time, but I know you will give me a prompt reply, and are as anxious to see a Rutgers man succeed, as any Rutgers man is anxious to succeed for his college and you.

Please remember me to all my old friends in the faculty, and the best of luck to you in your work and Rutgers.

Your Old Student,
Alton C. Rowe Jr.

Co. A, 301st Engineers
Camp Devens,
Ayer, Mass.

December 10, 1917.

Mr. Alton C. Howe, Jr., is applying for admittance to the third series of officers' reserve training camps, I understand. I desire to commend him to all favorable consideration. He attended Rutgers for the first two years of a four year civil engineering course and completed two years of military training in the Rutgers Cadet Battalion. He is a young man of good ability and of excellent character, and has, I believe, the qualifications necessary for an officer of the United States Army.

President

December 11th. 1917.

Private Alton C. Rowe, Jr.

Company A, 301st. Engineers,

Camp Devens,

Ayer, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowe:-

Somehow or other your first letter to Dr. Demarest was misplaced, which accounts for the President's delay in sending in your recommendation. He attended to the matter immediately upon word from Mr. Martin and I do hope that the delay has not hurt your chances.

Do not forget to keep your promise to write to me when you find the time, and if you change your address I trust that you will notify me.

Good luck to you and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

POST CARD

Place Two
Cent Stamp
Here

Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Mr. Silvers

I certainly have enjoyed the college service letters, and have looked forward to them all the while I have been here, and have kept every one for my scrap book. I thought it best to let you know that after this it would be best to send my mail

Cop. A. C. Rowe Jr.

Co. A, 301st Engineers

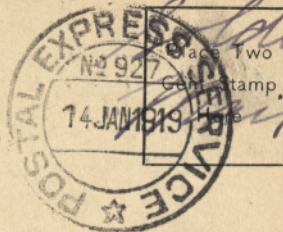
76th Division

A. E. F.

Over there I certainly will look up the college register in Paris

*Cpl A. C. Rowe Jr.
Co. A, 301st Engineers
Amer. Exp. Forces.*

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Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.



1st Lieut. Engrs.

Dear Mr. Silvers;

11/8/19
Trier, Germany.

I am located at present in one of the most naturally beautiful sections of the Germany Empire. We are in charge of a pontoon bridge over the Mosel River about thirty five kilometers from Coblenz. At first we were doing patrol work at Brohl on the Rhine River, but moved here to Trier to guard and take charge of this bridge as it makes an important traffic point.

Sincerely yours
Alton C. Rowe Jr.



Blick von Schloß Rheineck rheinaufwärts auf Broll.

Biehl, am Rhein
2/19.

Cpl A.C. Rowe Jr.
Co. D. 301st Eng.
Amer. Exp. Force.

Soldiers
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Dear Mr. Silvers;
A view of the
town of Biehl, showing
a good portion of the
Rhine River and the
naturally wonderful
way the mountains
flank both sides

Mr. Earl R. Silvers 1919

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Sincerely yours
A.C. Rowe Jr.
Cpl. 301st Eng.

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