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War Service Bureau

Rutgers College.

New Brunswick, N. J.

Mr Earl Reed Silvers - Director.

Dear Sir, ^{and} Dear Rutgers

It is a great pleasure to me to be able to do a humble service for the American Expeditionary Forces as a Y.M.C.A. Secretary. My original intention was, when I entered in the Y.M.C.A. Service, to go to France as Canteen, or Educational Secretary, but upon reaching London I found the need of Y.M.C.A. huts so great that I consented to stay in Gt. Britain for a while to build Y.M.C.A. huts here.

I have been here six weeks, and was stationed for a while in the Southern part of England, but am now building huts in Scotland.

Thus far I have been working in Aviation Camps. It is a great opportunity for me

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to see England and Scotland and get acquainted with the people as well as a great pleasure to serve the boys, who are very much interested in the hut building and are anxious to have them finished.

The work is all done by the boys who are detailed for the purpose and they all seem to enjoy it as well as any work they have to do in the Camp for they know it is for their special benefit and comfort.

The Officers, too, are very gracious when they see the "Y" man coming and give him every assistance possible.

This Y.M.C.A. Work is a great experience and a source of much valuable information to me. The trip across the ocean was worth a years pay and one ~~one~~ I was very fortunate in taking and then the trip about London, through the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey etc. was also a source of much information. I can not say that I am altogether

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favorably impressed with the country although it seems to be very productive, nor with the people they are too slow and about a hundred years behind the times, yet I have met many good people here and they are not altogether to blame for their slowness. I believe after the war is over Britain will have a great economic revolution that will do her people good.

Sincerely yours

Volney D. Schlich - '03

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December 3, 1918

Mr. Volney D. Schlick,
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Dear Mr. Schlick,

I think that you Y.M.C.A. men are to be both congratulated and envied. The work you are doing, I fully believe, is invaluable in keeping up the morale of our soldiers and is surely worth any sacrifice it entails. And the experiences which you have already undergone will be of lasting value; we who are compelled by circumstances to remain at home most certainly envy you.

It was good of you to write your letter of October 18th, and we appreciate your loyal interest. I am wondering if you will have a chance to drop in at the college upon returning to the U.S. Don't forget to look me up if you can possibly find the time.

Most cordially yours,