



HENRY SCHARF, MGR.

Sept. 15;

1917

Supply Co. 59th Inf.
Gettysburg, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your right; this is not much in my line but I'll do the best I can for you.

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each battalion, the two from the
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ranks being filled with recruits.

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There are 16 organizations in a regiment. 12 letter companies A, B, C, etc. Machine Gun Co., Supply Co., Headquarters Co. & Medical unit, making the total enlisted personnel 2005 men.

We are rather shy on equipment; haversacks, gun slings etc. which has, so far, prevented any overnight practice marches. Also we are in tents, which, believe me is no joke this weather. Had to break the ice on my wash water a couple of mornings right in my tent. It's all right as long as you keep moving & don't try to sit still in them. Personally, I am very comfortable.



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Have a board floor, electric light, table etc. & a tent all to myself. Mess with the Colonel, Adjutant & two doctors, all fine men and we get dandy food. Making arrangements now though, for a regimental mess, where all the officers will eat together.

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Country Club. I was over there
Labor Day Evening and had a dandy
time.

The country around here is fine.
We are right in the midst of the battle
field, our regiment being located in
the line of Bidwell's charge up Cemetery
Hill. Being in the Supply Co., I am
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Harrisburg is about 2 hrs. ride by train of which there is about 1 a day.

Have not the least idea how long we will be here. We certainly are in no condition to go to France, and personally I believe will be here until spring. Don't much relish the idea of winter in these tents but its surprising how a little of this life will enable you to adapt yourself to anything.

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Well Sir, I don't know whether you'll be able to pick anything worth while out of this tangle or not. If any thing else turns up, I'll let you know.



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Best of luck to you and
to Rutgers, though I suppose she'll
be pretty well crippled this
year.

Sincerely,
"Short" Signer.

From First Lieutenant Herbert C. Segur '16

August 1917.

There are six Infantry regiments here, the 4th, 7th, 58th, 59th, 60th, and 61st. The first two had been on the border for about five years and came up here last spring. They were then divided into their three battalions and a new regiment formed from each battalion; the two from the 4th became the 58th and 59th, and the 3rd remaining the 4th. What I mean is the battalions forming the nucleus of the new regiments, the ranks being filled with recruits. The personnel varies from the typical lean, brown, soldierly regular army man to Swedes, Poles, "Wops," etc., who can't speak a word of English and look about as much like soldiers as - well, as a Freshman Rutgers Cadet.

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Supply Co., 59th. Inf.

Gettysburg, Pa.

Oct. 3, 1917.

Dear Silvers:

Just a line in regard to football. We are getting up a team from the six regiments here composed only of officers. It will be made up entirely of former West Point or college men and will be a dandy team. A team from the 7th. went up and held Lehigh to 7 to 0 last Sat., and they had had absolutely no practice together.

I don't know who our manager is this year so am writing to you to start things in case you like the proposition. I understand that you have a couple of open dates this season and it seems to me that this game would be a drawing card. We would prefer to play it at New Brunswick. In case the Rutgers manager is interested you might ask him to communicate with, Lieut. E. F. Gillespie, 7th. U.S. Inf., Gettysburg, Pa.

Trusting that you will be able to get something started toward a game and with best regards, I am,

Yours in Rutgers,

H.C. (Sheet) Seger.

2nd. Lieut. 59th. Inf.

October 16th. 1917.

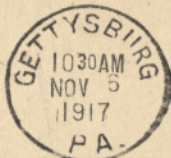
Lieutenant H. C. Segur,
Supply Company,
59th Infantry,
Gettysburg, Pa.

Dear "Skeets":-

I have taken up the matter of the foot-ball game with Professor Blake and he does not seem to be in favor of it. I am afraid that arrangements can not be made this year, although if anything should turn up I shall let you know immediately.

Good luck and best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Dear Lil: Going to leave Tuesday
to Charlotte, N.C. My address will
be: 59th & U. S. Inf., Camp Greene, Charlotte,
N.C.

Sincerely,
Sheet Legar.

VEDA BOND February 25, 1918.

Lieut. H. C. Segur,
Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Dear Skeet:

Thank you for your letter containing your change of address. If you see Rocky at Fort Sill remember me to him and ask him why under the sun he did not notify me of his change of address.

I shall look forward with a great deal of pleasure to your promised letter.

Good luck to you and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

Director

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OLD VEDA

April 27, 1918.

Lieut. Col. Segur, ✓
39th U. S. Infantry,
Camp Mills, L. I.

Dear Skeet:

You should be able to get out to New Brunswick and see us quite often now. It was good of you to write me and tell me of your change of address.

Good luck to you and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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✓ The information desired is for the records of the War Service Bureau of Rutgers College. It will have a permanent value, and we hope that every student and alumnus will promptly fill out and return this card.

RUTGERS COLLEGE---WAR SERVICE REPORT CARD

Name Segur, Herbert C. Class 1916 Date of filling out this blank Aug. 6, 1918
 Rutgers degree or degrees, with dates B.S., 1916 Date of Birth Sept. 11, 1893
 Address to which all correspondence should be sent Headquarters Co., 59th Infantry, A. E. F., Via New York
 Name and address of person to be written to in an emergency Mrs. Guy H. Segur, 69th St. Hermon

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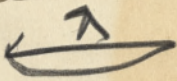
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PLEASE GIVE FULL EXPLANATION OF ANY ITEM CHECKED, USING THE BACK OF THIS CARD. WE WANT TO KNOW JUST WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO HELP WIN THE WAR.

- A. Give *exact* rank or rating, regiment, arm of service, and location; e. g. *Captain, Company X, 13th Regiment, Infantry, Camp Meade, Md., or A. E. F., via N. Y., etc.*
 Even if you have sent us notice of your entrance into service, please fill out this card, so that we may have a complete record. *or Ensign, Naval Reserve, U. S. S. Seamen, care Postmaster, N. Y.*
- B. Tell what the relief agency is, and what is your title, and your duties.
- C. } Explain the nature of your work, your title, and by whom appointed.
- D. }

Write on the back of this card, full details of any war work you may be doing or have done

First Lieutenant, Headquarters Com-
pany, Fifty-ninth Regiment, Infantry,
American Expeditionary Forces, via
New York. 

Enlisted in Regular Army, April, 1917.
Attended First Officer's Training
Camp, Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Commissioned Second Lieutenant,
August 1917. Assigned to Fifty-
ninth Infantry and sent to Camp
Greene. Selected and sent to Fort
Sill, Okla. for special training in
the French One-Pounder. Sailed
for France, April, 1918. Commissioned
First Lieutenant, July, 1918. In active
fighting on Marne sector, July, 1918.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
FIELD SERVICE POST CARD

The address
only to be written
on this side. If
anything else is
added the post
card will be
destroyed.

Mr Earl Reed Livers
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick,
N.J.
U.S.A.

NOTHING is to be written on this side except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. IF ANYTHING ELSE IS ADDED THE POST CARD WILL BE DESTROYED.

~~I am quite well.~~

I have been admitted into hospital

{ ~~sick~~ } and ~~am getting on well.~~

{ wounded } and hope to be discharged soon.

~~I am being sent down to the base.~~

(letter dated.....)

I have received your { telegram ,,

{ parcel ,,

Letter follows at first opportunity.

~~I have received no letter from you~~

{ lately

{ for a long time.

Signature }
only }

H. C. Segur.

Date Aug 16, 1918.

(Postage must be prepaid on any letter or post card addressed to the sender of this card).

September 9, 1918.

Lieut. Herbert Segur,
A. E. F.

Dear Skeets:

I am in receipt of your post card saying that you were wounded. I hope that it is nothing serious and that you are getting better rapidly. Let me know, when you find time, how you are getting along.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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