

WAR SERVICE BUREAU
OF
RUTGERS COLLEGE
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

EARL REED SILVERS '13
DIRECTOR

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE DIRECTOR

ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF KEEPING RUTGERS MEN IN
TOUCH WITH RUTGERS AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

YOU CAN GIVE US SOME
VALUABLE INFORMATION.

The War Service Bureau of Rutgers College is unable to locate E. T. Smith '13 who, we understand, is in the service of the United States. We shall greatly appreciate your kindness if you will send us his address, so that we may list him with the Rutgers men who are receiving the benefits of the Bureau.

(signed) EARL REED SILVERS,

Director.

Dear Sir my own address is
Lieut. Edward Fred Smith F.A.R.C.
Camp Kelly Field
San Antonio Texas

I greatly appreciate the good
work you plan and know that
he will be very glad to hear
from Rutgers very truly yours
Geo A Smith

NOTIFY US AT ONCE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WAR WORK COUNCIL



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

"WITH THE COLORS"



Sept. 19 1917

1st Battery F.A.,
R.O.T.C.

Fort Myer, Va.

Earl Reed Silvers,
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N.J.

My dear Mr. Silvers,

Replying to your
circular letter under date of August 31st
which was delayed in forwarding I beg to
advise as follows:—

E. Tiel Smith '13

Candidate in Reserve Officers Training Camp
Fort Myer, Va.

Have not been drafted.

Very truly yours
E. Tiel Smith



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WAR ACTIVITIES



CAMP

Kelly Field

So. San Antonio, Tex

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Feb. 21, 1918

Dear Sir,

I suppose you are wondering what has become of me and putting me among the "too busy to write class". Well, that is just where I belong.

I got a commission as 2nd Lt in Field Artillery at Fort Myer Training Camp last November. They sent me to Leon Springs, Texas. I was only there a few days when they sent me to Kelly Field, So. San Antonio, Texas. I am on detached service with the Aviation Branch of the Signal Corps.

They were badly in need of officers here. The book-made officers of the Signal Corps, white good fellows, lacked the practical experience which we gained in the Training Camps and they were up against it in handling the big bunches of recruits that were coming in. Well, we came over here to help out and it looks as though we will have to stay. I have been doing a mans work since I have been here. I have been on duty 24 hours per day and seven days per week practically all the time. It is very seldom I get an evening off.

Conditions are getting a little better

lately, however.

During the past five weeks I have been in the Quarantine Camp. I am glad to say that I have my orders to leave now. I leave here March 18th for Ellington Field, Olcott, Texas. I believe it is near Houston. It is used as an Advanced Flying school and school of machine gunnery. From all indications they are going to use me as a machine gunner in an aeroplane, it will be a thrilling job without a doubt. I hope I will be on my way over to collect you some soon.

I did not get the last issue of the Quarterly and I am only blaming myself for not letting you know my address. As soon as I get located at my new station I will drop you a card with my address on it.

I sure would like to see that Basketball team in action. I bet it would remind me of that old 1913 team - it would be so different.

Had a note from Ralph Cooper. He is at Fort Omaha, Omaha Neb. He says the Quarterly is fine. Henry Kreh is here somewhere but I seldom see him. I have not seen any other Rutgers men but I meet lots of them that know all about it.

Goodbye
(Lt. Edward P. Smith)
Lieut.

February 28, 1918.

Lieutenant Edward T. Smith,
Ellington Field,
Olcott,
Texas:

Dear Teal:-

I was mighty glad to get your letter of February 21st, and to know where you are. It surely is a hard job keeping track of these men in the service. As soon as you are definitely settled I hope that you will send me your address and I will forward to you at once a copy of the Alumni Quarterly.

Good luck to you and all
best wishes,

Yours in 1913,

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



EARL REED SILVERS

ALUMNI HOUSE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Ellington Field
Houston, Tex
Nov. 5, 1918

Dear Sir,

My present address is
Ellington Field, Houston, Texas. Have been
assigned to aero-machine gun detachment.
Expect to leave here by the 18th for Fairfield,
Ohio, but you never can tell. Wait until
you hear from me before you send me the
dearsterly. Received your letter yesterday.

E. T. Smith.



RICE HOTEL



HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wilbur Wright Field,
Fairfield, Ohio,
March 21, 1918.

Dear Sir,

Just a note to let you
know my new address.

I am supervising instruction
in the Armorer's School here. It
is instruction in Aerial machine
gunnery. We have quite an
establishment here and I
imagine that I will be here
sometime. You can send me the
Alumni Quarterly and the
Football number of the Targum
if you still have some to spare.

I saw Jock Elliott while
I was at Ellington Field. I
believe he is still there, instructing
in radio school there.

I have fine quarters here. There
are two of us, ^{U.S. Lieutenants -} and we have two ^(I don't want any misunderstanding)
bed rooms, bath, living room, + kitchen.
All I need is a wife and I
would be all fixed up.

Let me hear from you
some time.

Yours in 1913
Lieut.

Sgt. Edward T. Smith

March 25, 1918.

Lieut. Edward T. Smith,
Wesbur Wright Field,
Fairfield, Ohio.

Dear Tiel:

I was glad to get your letter of March 21st
and to have your new address. I hope that you like the
work that you are doing and that you will enjoy your
stay at Fairfield.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of
the Targum and Quarterly and will let you have any other
news that I am able to pick up .

Very truly yours,

ERS/MVH

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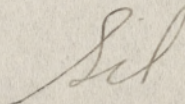
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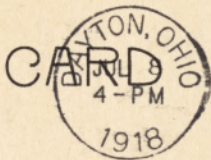
ERS/MVH

Director

Dear Sil,
Many thanks for your interest. The
Targum arrived O.K. but have not yet received the
Quarterly. Did it get off all right?
Tiel.

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POST CARD



Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

Air Service, Gunnery School,
Walter Wright Field,
Fairfield, Ohio, July 8, '18

Dear Sir,

I am still at the same station
and would be glad to receive the Quarterly.
Please rush it along, however, for I am
expecting "Over-seas Orders" within two weeks.
Will endeavor to stop in on my way through N. B.
if my orders come through.

Lt. Edward T. Smith '13

Military P.O.
Hoboken, N.J.
Aug. 6, 1918

Dear Sir,

Just a line to
advise you that my new
address is:

Lt. Edward P. Smith
A. S. Sig. R. Co
A. E. F.

Truf.

August 8
1918

Lieut. Edward T. Smith
A.S. Sig. R.C.
American Ex. Forces

Dear Tiel:

It is good to know that you have kept in touch with me and through your varied military career, and I appreciate your thought in writing me so often. Now that you are on the other side I hope that you will not forget to drop me an occasional line and that you will receive our War Service letters regularly. I do hope that you will return safe and sound from the big adventure and that I may have the great pleasure of seeing you here in New Brunswick in the not far distant future .

Yours in 1913,

ERS/W

copy

Armorer's School,
Fairfield, Ohio. Jan. 11, 1919.

Dear Silvers,

I am afraid I have not kept up my end of the game very well, but it seems to be my failing to neglect my correspondence all around.

Of course you see from the above that I am back in America, yes, I am one of the "memorable four thousand" - the first valient heroes of the American Expeditionary Force to return from the bloody battle-fields of England. I came back on the Mauretania Dec. 2nd. - the first boat to bring A.E.F. men back. Giaps also came back on it.

I went through New Brunswick about four times since I came back and had hoped to arrange to stop off to look around. Unfortunately I could not arrange it.

While I was in London I saw Massey's and Becker - I think he was about '18. They were both over there on leave. I had a hurried dinner with Ralph Seiler in Paris one night but he had to leave early to catch a train. I was in Paris when the Armistice was signed and believe me it was a wild time.

I was only overseas four months and during that time I was assigned to duty with the Royal Air Force (British) doing aerial gunnery work. I was in England most of the time and moved around the country quite a lot. My stay in France was not very long as the Armistice was signed shortly after I arrived there, but while

I was there I was fortunate enough to be able to move around extensively. While I did not see much in comparison to what some of the boys have seen, I saw enough to make me hate the Hun - something which you cannot do properly until you see with your own eyes the results of their outrages.

I was fortunate enough to get a leave of absence over the Holidays so I was able to get home. They have since ordered me to my old station with the Armorer's School, Wilbur Wright Field. I expect to be sent to the Technical Section at McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio, in a few days or else get my discharge.

I do not know what I will do when I get out of the Army. One thing I know I want to keep out of the big Cities - I hate them. I hope I never have to ride in a crowded, stuffy, filthy street car again until it gives me the sensation of being an evant in my life. I do not know where I am going or what I am going to do but it would not surprise me if Jersey loses one of her native born sons, although I really favor North Jersey if I can find an opportunity there.

Many thanks for your service letters Sil. they purely were welcome little bits of news. I do not know how many of the boys wrote and told you how much they appreciated them but I have spoken to quite a number of Rutgers men and they have all been very keen in their appreciation.

Best of luck to you and Mrs Silvers in the New Year,

Very sincerely

(Edward P. Smith)
Lieut.

January 13, 1919.

Lieut. Edward T. Smith,
Armorerers' School,
Fairfield, Ohio.

Dear Tiel:-

It was mighty good to get your letter of January 11th. I did not know that you were back in the United States again, and the news you sent us is both interesting and sensible. I do hope you will be situated in some acceptable place and that your future work will be enjoyable. Let me know when you change so that I may keep in touch with you.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours in 1913,