

Eatontown, N. J.

January 9, 1918

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers

Director of War Service Bureau

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:— I write to inform  
you of the whereabouts of my  
brother Herbert O. Tilton. He  
is with

Company 2

Training School for Officers

Camp Dix, N. J.

Respectfully,  
C. E. Tilton



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

EARL REED SILVERS  
RUTGERS COLLEGE  
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Eatontown, N. J.,  
Apr. 20, 1918.

My dear Mr. Silvers:—

No commissions were granted. Successful candidates were given certificates of graduation. I have mine.

Old address:—

Co. B Inf., Training School for Officers,  
Camp Dix, N.J.

New address:—

311 Machine Gun Co., Camp Dix, N.J.

Sincerely,  
Herbert O. Sifton (Private)

POST CARD



**Earl Reed Silvers**

**Rutgers College**

**New Brunswick, N. J.**



Sgt. W. O. Tilton, Officer candidate,  
% A. C. Minton  
Co. 5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Battalion  
155<sup>th</sup> Depot Brigade  
Camp Lee, Va.



ARMY AND NAVY  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
"WITH THE COLORS"



12<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion,  
153<sup>rd</sup> Depot Brigade,  
Camp Dix, N.J.  
June 25, 1918.

My dear Mr. Silvers:-

Have been going to send my address for some time but have been making so many moves that an address didn't hold good from one week to the next. My present one ought to be good for the rest of the summer.

Eloy Steedle is here with me at the same address. Both of us received commissions as second lieutenants June first.

Have enclosed a picture of "Fanny" Scarr which was taken just before he sailed. It was cut from the pictorial section of Hampton, Va. "Bayonet"

Sincerely in Duties

Herbert O. Wilton



June 29  
1918.

Lieut. Herbert O. Tilton,  
12th Training Battalion  
153rd Depot Brigade,  
Camp Dix, N.J.

Dear Mr. Tilton:

It is good of you to write  
your letter of June 26th giving word of  
yourself and Steedle. Thanks also for the  
picture of Fanny Scarr which is a valuable  
addition to our collection. I suppose that  
you have heard that last week Jimmy Scarr  
was killed in action at the front.

Good luck to you and all  
best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

FRS/W





U. S. ARMY  
CAMP DIX, NEW JERSEY

807 Pioneer Infantry,  
Aug. 26, 1918,

My dear Mr. Silvers:-

Here's the letter I've "always been  
meaning to write."

Was transferred from 12<sup>th</sup> Bn.,  
of the 153 Depot Brigade to the above  
outfit last Tuesday afternoon. The  
regiment is a colored one officered  
entirely by whites. We leave any time  
after Labor Day as nearly as I can  
make out.



I have always appreciated the service letters and will think a hundred times more of them when I get across. I have missed several of them due to my moving around but that's not your fault.

Bill McCallum is in this same regiment and will go across with us.

"Mon" Steedle was transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 50<sup>th</sup> Inf., Camp Merritt, P.T., over a month ago. Maybe you have had a letter from him with this news.

Will write when I get over there.

Sincerely,

Herbert O. Tilton  
'20



August 31, 1918.

Lieut. Herbert O. Tilton,  
807 Pioneer Infantry,  
Camp Dix, N.J.

Dear Mr. Tilton:-

I have had word to-day that Lieut. Wm. H. McCallum, 4th Bn., 153 Depot Brigade, Camp Dix, has sailed, or will sail shortly for "over there." I am wondering about the other Rutgers men in the 153 Depot Brigade. Have they sailed also, and shall I hereafter address them A.E.F.? If you will advise me I shall be greatly indebted to you.

Prvt. W.T.Archibald, 1st Bn., Co. 4, 153 D.B.  
F.D.Blanchard, Chaplain, 1st Lieut. 153 D.B.  
Donald E. Davis, Co. 24, 6th Bn., 153 D.B.  
Ralph S. Jones, Co. 19, 5th Bn., 153 D.B.  
Ludwig Meuser, Co. 15, 4 Bn., 153 D.B.  
M.C.Moseman, Co. 29, 153 D.B.  
Prvt. W.H.Rugen, Co. 15, 4th Bn., 153 D.B.  
Harris Solman '21, Co. 15, 4th Bn. 153 D.B.  
Lieut. E.W.Steedle, 12th 'rn. Bn., 153 D.B.

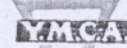
Thank you for your letter telling your change of address. It was good to hear from you.

Cordially,



(Photocopy: original brittle)

AMERICAN



ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WITH THE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Sept. 22, 1918

My dear Mr. Silvers:

I'm over here and glad of it. Sil Sil McCallum is in the same outfit.

We are in camp near the Base Hospital unit for which several Rutgers men volunteered in May, 1917. Went over to the Hospital Friday. Met Bracker, Leeds, Herben, Broome, Johnson, and Runyon. Frank Merritt is also stationed there but was away that day on special duty.

Haven't had the Rutgers letter in quite a while for I have been moving about quite a little. I think that you have my address as 12<sup>th</sup> Ln., 153 Depot Brigade, Camp Dix. Wish you would correct it for I appreciate the letters very much.

Durand '17 is somewhere in this vicinity, but haven't found out the exact spot.

Sincerely,

H. Filtner<sub>20</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut, H. Filtner,  
807 Pioneer Infantry,  
American Ex. Forces,  
France via New York



October 16, 1918

Lieut. H.O. Tilton,  
807 Pioneer Infantry,  
Am. E.F.

Dear Mr. Tilton:

A letter addressed to you at Camp Dix  
has recently been returned, and your note of September  
22 is therefore doubly welcome. I am very glad that  
you have taken the time to write. I am enclosing war  
service letter # 28.

Cordially yours,

Enc.



January 8, 1919.

Mr. William Alan Tilton,  
Eatontown, N.J.

My dear Mr. Tilton:-

Your son, Lieutenant Herbert O. Tilton, is the nineteenth Rutgers man to lose his life in the service of his country and we are very anxious to pay fitting tribute to his memory in the January issue of the Rutgers Alumni quarterly. We shall be very grateful if you will send us a picture of him together with particulars of his death and an outline of his life- his date and place of birth, schooling and so forth.

May I send you my deepest sympathy in your great misfortune? Your son was one of our most promising students and we are deeply grieved over his death.

Very sincerely yours,



January 22, 1919.

Mr. William A. Tilton,  
Eatontown, N.J.

Dear Mr. Tilton:-

Your son, Lieutenant Herbert O. Tilton is the twenty first Rutgers man to lose his life in the service of his country. We are anxious to pay fitting tribute to his memory in the January issue of the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly and shall be very grateful if you will send us at once whatever photograph you may have of him. We shall take good care of it and return it to you uninjured.

May I express my deepest sympathy to you and Mrs. Tilton in your big loss.

Very sincerely yours,



Eatontown, N. J.

Jan. 22, 1919

War Service Bureau  
Rutgers College  
New Brunswick, N. J.

My dear Mr. Silvers;

We received  
a second letter from you  
this morning and do not  
wish you to think we have  
been negligent about the  
matter.

However, Adrian Minton also  
one of Rutgers students now  
in the service called and  
took a snapshot of Herbert.  
But he must have taken  
it for one of the fraternity  
books.

Therefore it was a

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misunderstanding on our  
part.

I am sending you a  
clipping from our local  
paper. It does not give the  
full desired information  
however.

Lieutenant Herbert Onyx Tilton  
was born March 17, 1896 at  
Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

His life was one full of  
ambition from early youth.  
At the age of ten years he  
began to work and a few  
months later made the  
remark to his mother, "Mother,  
I don't believe I could ever be  
without a job again." And he  
never was.

For two years he was out of



school when he made up his mind he wanted to go to college.

So he started in his high school course determined to come out successful.

He never studied evenings on account of being tired from his work. But regularly each morning he was up bright and early doing his lessons.

On completing his four years in high school he was valedictorian and also won his scholarship for Rutgers College.

We have not heard the particulars concerning his death as yet.

We have the cabinet size

photo as is in the clipping  
and will mail the same  
to you if desired and  
necessary.

Very sincerely,

Carolyn E. Dilton

P.S. I am mailing the cabinet  
photo and hope to have it  
returned as soon as possible.

C.E.D.



## DAILY HOME NEWS

Monday, Jan. 6, 1919.

### **Lieut. Tilton, A Rutgers Man, Dies In U. S. Service**

Word was received at Eatontown on Friday of the death in France of Lieut. Herbert O. Tilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tilton of that place. The deceased was a nephew of Constable John Elkins of the Middlesex County court.

Lieut. Tilton was stationed with Company B, 307th Infantry, and had been in France since last August. The last letter received from him was dated December 8th last. It stated that he had been injured in taking up barbed wire. His death was due to blood poisoning.

The deceased was a graduate of the Red Bank High School and was in Rutgers when inducted into service at Camp Dix. He was soon transferred to an officers' training school, and being an apt student, soon won a commission.

William A. Tilton, father of the deceased soldier, is chief clerk at the Southern Branch of the New Jersey Central Railroad. Herbert was 22 years old last March, and a young man of a promising future. He held a clerkship at the Monterey Hotel at Asbury Park the summer before the war.



February  
10th  
1919

Miss Carolyn E. Tilton,  
Eatontown,  
New Jersey.

Dear Miss Tilton:

I am enclosing the newspaper item concerning your brother, Lieutenant Herbert Tilton, and under separate cover is coming to you his photograph. Thank you very much for both of them.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure  
Newspaper Clipping.



## WAR RECORD OF

Name and class..Herbert Onyx Tilton '20.....

Rank and branch of service..2nd Lieut. Inf.....

Enlisted in Officer's Training School, Camp Dix, N. J. Transferred to Camp Lee, Va. May 18th, 1918. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant June 1st, 1918, and assigned to 1st Battalion 155th Depot Brigade, Camp Lee, Va. Returned to Camp Dix June 18th, 1918 and assigned to 311th Machine Gun Company. Sent to Camp Perry, Ohio for instructions in fire-arms, and assigned to Group 32, Small-arms Firing School. Returned to Camp Dix August 20th, 1918 and assigned to Co. B, 807th Pioneer Infantry, with which he sailed for France on Sept 2nd 1918.

Died Dec 20th 1918 (in France) as a result of an operation for appendicitus.