Cornelius C. Hermeule. CIVIL ENGINEER 203 BROADWAY New York, October 11, 1917. Mr. Earl Reed Silvers. Assistant to the President, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. Dear Sir: Replying to your inquiry of Sept. 25th which I find at hand on returning to my office after a months absence in Cuba. I am not in the National service. I volunteered to advise concerning cantonments at the request of the Council of National Defence, and have also been engaged in important works intended to increase the supply of sulphuric acid in co-operation with a member of the Council of National Defence, but not under a commission from the Government. It is probable that my name has been confused with that of my son, Lieut. Cornelius C. Vermeule, Jr., O. R. C., Machine Gun Company, 320th Regiment, Infantry. Yours truly, Colonnence