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Oct. 17, 1917.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
Assistant to the President,
Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for thinking of me, and
suggesting my name to Dr. Irvine.

As you see by the paragraph just
above the date line, I am engaged in some very
absorbing and interesting work.

It is hard work, and I keep long
hours, but the satisfaction at being able to do
something that is worth while (not that teach-
ing is not) is great recompense for loss of
sleep and personal inconvenience.

Finally, the president of my com-
mittee is one of the partners of J.P. Morgan,
and I am making some very valuable connections.

I see, by the last issue of the Quar-
terly, that you must be rivalling J.P. himself
with the returns from your literary work.

With best wishes for your continued
success, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

LCW/W

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Nov. 9, 1917.

Mr. Earle Reed Silvers,
Editor, Alumni Quarterly,
Rutgers College.

Dear Sil:

I realize, in reading the quarterly, that I failed to answer some sort of questionnaire the college sent out. It was not from lack of interest, but merely from lack of time and ability, for ever since I was released from my regular work to represent the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities in Community Organization, I have been working at high pressure.

It has not been uncommon to miss lunch; and on more than one occasion I have had no evening meal, simply because things had to be done at that time.

Up to the present we have been working along without any money- I mean money for office expenses etc., and most of the work accomplished has been done by donation- if one can express it that way. From now on our money-- at least part of it-- is assured, and I can go ahead and hire a stenographer and other help.

The one concrete thing which shows most is my Committee of 100 which I organized to coordinate the work of existing agencies in Bergen County for the welfare of the soldiers at Camp Merritt, N.J. Our work is to make the free time of the men as profitable to themselves and as safe to the adjacent communities as possible; and to that end we devise all sorts of recreation for them in the towns, including establishing of soldiers clubs, and getting the people to take the men for auto rides and home to dinner.

^{is} It would take a book to tell you of all the things we do; but it ^{is} fascinating work, hard, and enjoyable.

Please do not publish this letter in the Quarterly. A line, if you think it necessary, will do to tell what I am doing

Can you give me Toot Conkling's address in the army? I would very much like to have that.

Sincerely yours,

Roy.
P.S. My congratulations to the Father & Mother of Earl Jr. 1939