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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

John Henry Wyckoff.

Captain Medical Officers Reserve Corps

Attached to and Adjutant of.

U.S. Base Hospital No 1.

At present on duty at temporary headquarters  
of U.S. Base Hospital No 1 at 338 East 26 st  
New York City. - awaiting orders for  
embarkation.

Change address

Capt J H Wyekeff, M.R.C.  
V.S. Base Hospital No 1 -

A.E. 7.

France.



November 3rd. 1917.

Captain John Henry Wyckoff,

U. S. Base Hospital No 1,

338 East 36th. Street,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Wyckoff:-

I am placing your name on the list  
of men who are to receive weekly news letters of Rutgers  
College. I hope that you will keep in touch with me and  
let me know when you leave for France.

Very sincerely yours,



Capt John H. Lyden  
D.S. Base Hospital #1

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Capt. John H. Wyckoff

U.S. Base Hospital #1.

Amer. Exp. Forces.

J. H. Robertson  
CAPT. U.S.A.  
France

✓  
Vichy-France.-

Sept. 19. 1918.

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Yours sincerely

Jack Wyckoff.

Ex-1905 C.

Capt. John H. Wyckoff,  
M.C. - U.S.A.

Hospital Center, Vidy,  
A.P.O. 781.



From Captain John H. Wyckhoff '65  
9th ~~th~~ S.O.S.

Vichy, France.

Sent 19, 1918

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Yours sincerely,

Jack Wyckoff, Ex-1905 C.

September 19, 1918.



October 16, 1918

Capt. John H. Wyckoff,  
M.C. U.S.A.  
Hospital Center, Vichy,  
A.P.O. # 718  
Am.E.F.

Dear Captain Wyckoff:

I know that it is not necessary for me to tell you how much I appreciate your letter of September 19. I intend to use part of it in the January number of the Alumni Quarterly and trust that you will not object. All the news of the college is included in the war service letter which was mailed yesterday. I can only add this word of appreciation for your continued interest in and loyalty to our Alma Mater.

Cordially yours,

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March 27th, 1919.

Major John Wyckoff,  
New York University,  
26th and First Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Major Wyckoff:-

I am glad to have your letter of March 26th, and appreciate your kind word about the work of our War Service Bureau.

Thank you very much for your invitation to visit you when I am in New York. I sincerely hope that I may be able to take advantage of it, but, at any rate, I am looking forward to seeing you at our big war reunion on the evening of June 9th, details of which will be sent you later.

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President.

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