

THE LETTERS OF THE RUTGERS WAR SERVICE BUREAU

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THE WAR SERVICE BUREAU

The idea of the War Service Bureau for Rutgers men in the army and navy was conceived in the early summer of 1917. It was suggested at that time that the Bureau be established "for the purpose of keeping Rutgers men in touch with Rutgers and with one another," but because of the amount of work involved, there was some hesitancy at first in making definite decision. On August 20, 1917, however, the establishment of the War Service Bureau was decided upon, and Earl Reed Silvers '13, Assitant to the President of the college, was appointed Director.

It was not known at that time just what definite service the Bureau could render; but obviously the immediate task at hand was the listing of as many as possible of the Rutgers men among the armed forces of the United States; so on August 31, the following circular letter was sent to all alumni and former students:

August 31st, 1917.

To the Alumni of Rutgers College:

The College is preparing a list of Rutgers Alumni who are in the service of the United States. In order to make this list as complete as possible, we request your earnest co-operation.

Will you please advise us:

- (1) Have you received a commission in any branch of the Army or Navy? Please give information as follows:

John Smith '10, Second Lieut. Infantry, Officers' Reserve Corps, ect.

- (2) Have you enlisted in any branch of government work? Please give information as follows:

John Smith '13, private, Infantry, National Army,
- or -
William Jones '14, Seaman, Naval Reserve, etc.

- (3) Have you been drafted? Please give information as follows:

John Smith '12, District No. 1, Union County, N. J.

Drafted men are urged to advise us immediately, as their names will be sent to Washington with recommendation for transfer to the field of work for which they are especially trained.

(Signed) EARL REED SILVERS

Assistant to the President

INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY RUTGERS MEN WILL BE APPRECIATED

Approximately four hundred replies to this letter were received, from which the men were classified and the first Honor Roll of the college prepared. But with this classification, the work was hardly begun; and the next task consisted of establishing connection with the alumni and undergraduates in service. A second circular letter was therefore prepared and dispatched, in the majority of cases being addressed to the relatives of the men, as most of those in service had already reported for active duty. The letter was worded as follows, the name of the man of whom information was desired being inserted:

YOU CAN GIVE US SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION

Rutgers College has established a War Service Bureau which will make every effort to keep Rutgers men in service in touch with the activities of the college. It is planned to write weekly news letters to these men, to answer any questions they may ask about the college or its alumni and undergraduates, and to serve them in as many ways as possible for the duration of the war.

We understand that _____ is in the service of the United States, but we do not know where he is located. In order to permit him to receive the benefits of this Bureau, will you please send us his definite address at once, using card enclosed for that purpose. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

(signed) EARL REED SILVERS

Director

Replies from this letter reached the college in gratifying numbers. All men in service were listed upon cards which were arranged alphabetically and according to location. Form letters, to be sent to relatives as soon as there was any doubt as to the exact address of any of the men, were prepared; a systematic plan of action outlined, and the Bureau was ready for work.

On October 22, 1917, the first service letter of the series was sent to all Rutgers men in the army or navy whose addresses had been secured:

October 22, 1917.

LETTER 1;
TO RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

Rutgers College, appreciating the generous response of her students and alumni to the country's call, and wishing to keep in touch with them during the crisis through which the world is passing, has established a War Service Bureau, the purpose of which is stated above. The Bureau hopes to be able to serve Rutgers men in the following ways:

(a) A news letter will be sent to you once every week or ten days. This letter will contain all the campus gossip, besides notes of general college interest.

(b) You will receive all regular issues of the Alumni Quarterly, including the supplement to the October number, containing a list of Rutgers men in service.

(c) You will be written personal letters, if such letters are desired, A line to the Director will bring an immediate reply.

(d) All questions will be answered, whenever possible, concerning the college or college men.

The success of this plan depends, however, on your co-operation. Our men are constantly shifting about from camp to camp; it is hard

for us to keep in touch with you, and unless you notify us at once of any change of address, we cannot keep you listed in the Bureau. That you may notify us whenever a change is made, we are enclosing a return postal. Simply write your name and address, and drop it in the nearest mailing station. Possibly the address on this letter is wrong; if so, please let us know by return post.

We shall tell you about the college in the next letter. This is simply an announcement; if you like the idea, we would appreciate a word; if you do not want the service, let us know. But we feel sure that all Rutgers men have always nourished in their hearts a deep affection for the college, and that now, more than ever before, the bond between Rutgers and her sons is sure and strong.

EARL REED SILVERS

Director.

Two hundred replies were received to this letter, in every case expressing appreciation of the college's efforts and promising co-operation with the Director of the Bureau. It was plainly evident that the men wanted to hear from the college; and so, on November 8, a second letter was sent out, others following at intervals of from one week to one month during the period from November 1917 to June 1919.

There was other work for the Bureau, however, in addition to the sending of letters and the tabulation of records. The duties of the Rutgers Council of National Defence were taken over by the War Service Bureau on November 1; and for the next three months bulletins describing opportunities for national service were sent to groups of eligible alumni. The first bulletin was issued on November 6, 1917, with the following explanatory paragraph:

"The College receives from time to time communications from the Intercollegiate Intelligence Bureau in Washington, calling for the services of students or recent graduates in some branch of government work. The War Service Bureau, therefore, is issuing this Bulletin for your information. If you are already in government service, or unable for any reason to undertake such service, please

inform us so that we may drop your name from our mailing list."

In this bulletin were listed three calls; one for Army Aviators, one for Engineers, and one for candidates for the Third Series of Officers' Training Camps. Other bulletins were issued on November 21, December 15, and January 3, resulting in many cases in the obtaining of commissions for our younger alumni. After January 1918, however, the duties of the Intercollegiate Intelligence Bureau were assumed by the War Department, and the college bulletins were discontinued.

It was, however, chiefly through these bulletins that many Rutgers men were admitted to the Third and Fourth Series of Officers' Training Camps. By order of the War Department, Rutgers as an approved college, was permitted to select twenty-four men for admission into the Third Training Camp. Candidates were examined at the college and recommended by Major John Bigelow, Professor of Military Science and Tactics. The following alumni and undergraduates were selected for attendance at the Training School at Camp Dix, N. J., from January 5 to April 5, 1919: Fred A. Briegs '12, Henry K. Davies '14, Donald E. Davis '17, Elmore J. DeWitt '15, Willis P. Duruz '17, George W. Hervey '15, Edgar T. Hurley '16, Lloyd F. Regendahl '14, Samuel L. Sahn '15, Elroy W. Steedle '15, Herbert O. Tilton '20, Robert W. Turner '13, W. Lloyd Van Keuren '09, Rushworth B. Van Sickle '09, Lauren S. Archibald '17, Worthington S. Farley '15, Walter V. H. Farley '16, Jared B. Moore '16, Stanely U. North '15, George B. Roesch '16, Lawrence S. Sliker '19, Paul Walrah '14, E. Dudley Chase '13, William S. Sprague '16. Of these twenty-four men, one was taken ill and unable to finish his course, eighteen were commissioned, and five failed of commission.

On May 15, 1918, the second quota of twenty-four men were recommended by the college to attend the Fourth Officers' Training Camp. This quota included: Harry M. Allne '14, Eugene E. Beyer '17, Fred A. Briegs '12, Joseph L. Chambers '17, Alan D. Cloke '09, Domeic V. A. Della Volpe '18, Rudolph Elmer '17, Adrain R. Fisher '16, J. Bertram Howell '15, Manton L. Graff '17, Louis N. Grier '15,

Arthur F. Hope '17, Edgar T. Hurley '16, George E. Jones '11, John D. Lyons '18, Albert E. Mercker '15, Bergen S. Merrill '09, Frank M. Meyerend '18, Clarence A. Morey '16, Herbert R. Peebles '12, Lloyd F. Regendahl '14, George J. Smith '15, Preston R. Smith '18, Robert G. Test '17, Of these men, twenty-two were commissioned, and two failed of commission.

In the First and Second Series of Training Camps the record of Rutgers candidates was exceptional. At the first camp, of fifty-two Rutgers men in attendance, fifty were commissioned; at the second, of the forty in attendance, thirty-nine were commissioned. In the entire series of Officers' Training Camps, therefore, one hundred and eighteen were awarded commissions, while eleven failed of commission.

The War Service Bureau continued in constant communication with these men in the training camps and with others on sea and in Europe. Late in November 1917, the ladies of the faculty of the college joined with the Director in preparing Christmas boxes for the one hundred Rutgers men then in France. These boxes, containing soap, tobacco and similar articles, were dispatched on November 22, with the following inscription:

"From the ladies of the
Faculty of Rutgers College.

In appreciation of your generous service for the cause
of humanity, and with all good wishes of the Christmas
season."

As far as the Service Bureau has been able to ascertain, these boxes were never received by the men for whom they were intended; nor have they been returned to the college.

The cost of printing, postage and clerical help for the work undertaken by the Bureau had been carried by the college until January 1, 1919. But at that time, the Director, feeling that the Bureau should be distinctly alumni concern, addressed an appeal for subscriptions to the alumni body in the January issue of the Alumni Quarterly. Responses were received from the following: Robert

C. Pruyn '69, Leonor F. Loree '77, Luther Laflin Kellogg '70, John W. Herbert '72, John V. N. Dorr '94, James L. Garabrant '01, Charles S. Aitkin '80, Robert H. Neilson '03, William H. Martin '12, Richard C. Rice '08, George R. Maxson '14, William G. Herrman '12, Harold B. Osborn '04, Anson M. DuBois '18, Gustav Patz '17; Professor Ralph G. Wright, of the faculty; and Mr. John P. Wall, of New Brunswick. These men subscribed sufficient funds for the carrying on of the work of the Bureau until its discontinuance in June 1919. The first four alumni mentioned also made possible the membership of Rutgers College in The American University Union in Europe.

This University Union was established on July 15, 1917, for the purpose of meeting "the needs of American university and college men who are in Europe for military or other service in the cause of the Allies." The Royal Palace Hotel, on the Place du Theatre Francais, Paris, was leased for the period of the war and turned into a club house, with lounging and reading rooms, dormitories, dining rooms, canteen, and other appropriate accommodations. Rooms were rented and meals served at moderate prices and everything possible done for the convenience of American college alumni and undergraduates. The Union was financed by the receipts from room rentals and meal service, and by membership dues from associated institutions.

During the period of the war and the days of demobilization, the Union performed splendid service. Besides acting as general headquarters for college men in France, it periodically sent list of registrants to all its members, aided institutions, parents, and friends, in securing information about college men in all forms of war service, reported on casualties, visited the sick and wounded, served as a means of communication with them, etc. After the signing of the armistice, the Union interested itself in the educational work of the A. E. F., cooperating fully with the Army Overseas Educational Commission.

On February 23, 1918, a branch of the University Union was established at London, England, with offices at 16 Pall Mall East; and later a second branch was established at Rome, Italy. With the completion of demobilization, these branches were discontinued, but it is planned, if proper support is forthcoming, to continue the Union in Paris through the coming years.

Complete registry of the Rutgers alumni and undergraduates at the University Union is as follows: Acken '16, Ackerman '17, Ainsworth '16, Armstrong '16, Arthur '12, Atwater '04, Austin '16, Badeau '02, Hechtel '14, Hecker '19, Bergamini '13, Besson '07, Best '11, Blue '15, Blunt '04, Boes '17, Bowlby '17, Bowler '10, Bowles '16, Broome '17, Burch '20, Buttler '18, Campbell '00, Charles '16, Church '14, Cleaver '12, Cook, '14, Corey '15, Costa '19, Cummings '16, Cunnius '17, Darling '18, Davenport '19, Daviss '17, Davis '12, Davis '20, Dayton '19, Devan '09, Dewald '11, Dewitt '15, Drake '18, Durand '20, Durand '18, Elmendorf '16, Eltinge '97, Ernst '14, Farley '15, Firth '14, Flanagan '16, Fox '19, Franklin '19, Franklin '10, Freeman '19, Gaffney '11, Gaipa '14, Gillam '15, Green '09, Grimme '18, Hadden '20, Hand '16, Hart '99, Hartley '16, Heck '20, Heidt '08, Herben '16, Herbert '17, Herrman '12, Herrmann '16, Hervey '15, Hoch '19, Holzman '17, Howell '19, Hulsizer '14, Huntington '16, Hutchinson '16, Ingham '16, Ingling '18, Jackson '18, Jenkins '16, Johnson '17, Kain '06, Kirk '19, Lansley '88, Lawes '20, Levine '15, Lewis '15, Lilly '20, Luster '14, McClenaghan '17, McCloskey '15, McLaughlin '17, Maar '19, Mabon '90, Mahnken '08, Mailler '12, Malven '19, Martin '12, Martin '17, Maxson '14, Merritt '19, Miller '16, Miner '19, Moore '16, Morris '18, Morrison '12, Mount '04, Nafey '10, Neviou '12, Norcum '15, O'Gorman '19, Osborne '17, Ottinger '19, Packard '18, Palmer '17, Parrott '97, Pattison '18, Patz '18, Perpente '17, Perry '18, Pierson '95, Pingry '13, Powell '17, Prince '17, Prove '20, Putnam '13, Quigley '20, Ramsey '13, Reed '16, Richardson '15, Richers '13, Riker '18, Risley '04, Robinson '17, Rockafeller '16, Rowe '18, Rumohr '19, Safford '08, Savage '18, Schlotterer '15, Schmidt '16, Schofield '12, Searle '15, Seiler '16, Shaak '17, Shultz '15, Skinner '18, Slauson '15, Sliker '19, Sloane '16, Smith '13, Smith '12, Sparrow '13, Spitzer '17, Steel-

man '11, Stover '13, Street '89, Taylor '16, Terrill '12, Thomas '14, Thompson '98, Trimmell '19, Turner '20, Turner '13, Van Arsdale '19, Van Horn '17, Van Keuren '09, Van Liew '16, Van Middlesworth '16, Volpe '18, Voorhees '96, Voorhees '88, Voorhees '20, Voorhees '18, Walrath '14, Walton '14, Ward '19, Watson '15, Watt '15, Whyman '17, Wilson '17, Withrow '19, Wyckoff '05, Wyman '08.

The undergraduates of the college had in November 1917 raised a fund approximating one hundred dollars for the purpose of sending copies of the Football Number of the Targum to all Rutgers men in service. During the first year of the establishment of the War Service Bureau, the Alumni Quarterly, through the generosity of the Alumni Association, was sent free of charge to all service men. In October 1918, however, postal regulations made the mailing of gratuitous copies unlawful. A general appeal for funds to send the magazine to all Rutgers men in France was made by the Director of the Bureau, therefore, with the result that some seventy-five dollars were subscribed, permitting our soldiers in Europe to receive the October and January issues. Subscriptions for this purpose were made by the following: Samuel A. Oakes '93, R. Bovey Searle '16, Edward C. Pearson '68, Bevier H. B. Sleght '80, Howard V. Buttler '75, Sprague Carlton '04, Warren J. Brodies '87, Charles L. Edgar '82, George V. N. Baldwin '86, Russell E. Watson '07, Holmes V. M. Dennis '69, La Rue Vredenburg '76, William F. Davis '20.

In July 1918, the War Service Bureau directed a communication to the alumni body containing a "War Service Report Card" on which were listed various positions and offices of semi-official character. It was sent out in an endeavor to ascertain the names and duties of the Rutgers men who, while not in the fighting forces of the United States, were engaged in some form of government service. The

results, classified and arranged according to classes, were printed in the Alumni Quarterly for October 1918, and January 1919. They make, in tabulated form, a splendid record of service on the part of the alumni of the college.

With the signing of the Armistice in November, the labors of the War Service Bureau were greatly lessened; but the letters, which were sent to all men who had not been released from duty, were not discontinued until June 1919. Efforts of the Director during the latter part of the collegiate year were directed toward a large attendance at the 153rd Commencement, which was designated as a War Service Commencement and attended by over six hundred alumni, the largest number ever recorded at a June gathering at the college. During the fall and winter of 1919, the Director of the Bureau, when other duties permitted, devoted his time to the gathering of statistics and preparation of matter for the War Book.

Before the ending of the War numerous souvenirs of the conflict had been sent to the college and deposited in the college library; and during the months following the cessation of hostilities additional souvenirs have continued to reach us, until the collection now in the library contains almost two hundred relics of ship, camp and battlefield--- a collection which will increase in value with the passing of the years. There are also numerous pictures of Rutgers men in the several branches of national service.

These pictures and souvenirs, together with the original file of War Letters, will be the only tangible reminders in later years of a project which is distinctly Rutgers. As far as can be ascertained, no college or university in the United States kept in such close touch with her alumni and undergraduates in the army or navy; nor has any college the mass of material, war letters and relics, which were sent to old Rutgers by her appreciative sons. During the period from April 1917 to June 1919, the Director of the War Service Bureau received ^{over} four thousand personal letters from Rutgers men in service; and every single one of them was acknowledged. To those men who so generously cooperated with the Bureau in maintaining its work, the Director takes this opportunity of expressing his appreciation

and gratitude.

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Letters #2 to #36, without revision of any kind, are hereby appended. They were written during the busy days of war activity, with no thought as to ease of style or value of content. But constituting as they do a running account of the life of the college during and following the period of conflict, they should not be without interest in coming years.

November 1st, 1917.

LETTER II.

TO RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE;-

Probably some of you have already heard about the Fordham game; but at any rate, it won't hurt to review things a bit. Rutgers won by a score of 28 to 0 and showed a few thousand persons in the stands that we have one of the best teams in the East. We scored three times in the first half and only once in the second, but a good part of the time in the third quarter was spent in experimenting with open formations which may be used against West Virginia on Saturday. The best thing about the afternoon's work was the smoothness of the Rutgers attack. Our backfield is, according to the Newark Evening News, the most effective we've had in years. Baker is a heady little quarterback who gets all there is to be gotten out of the men; and Whitehill, Kelly, and Gardner are all exceptionally fast runners. Whitehill, who plays fullback, hits the line like a sledge-hammer and has a happy faculty of always falling forward, Kelly after two year's of hard luck, has finally come into his own. He glides outside of tackle in a way which reminds us of Toady Bracher, and his open field running is the kind which makes you leap out of your seat and yell your head off. Gardner is a new man, but Sandy says he's one of the very best. He runs well with the ball, keeping close to the ground; and when he sees anyone in front of him, he puts his head down and charges full tilt into the fellow who is waiting to tackle him. For substitutes, there are Tom Gargan, a Freshman brother of former Coach Larry Gargan, and Lawes, a Sophomore. Gargan is probably the fastest man on the team, and Lawes is a steady, consistent player. On the line, there are three veterans, 'Thug' Rendall, Bill Feitner, and Robeson. The first two are taking care of the tackles to the full satisfaction of everyone, and Robby who now weighs 210, is out on end. He takes most of the forward passes, after the best

manner of Bob Nash; and on the defense he plays fullback, backing up the line in a way which reminds us of 'Budge' Garrett in his palmit days. Robby is receiving a lot of attention from the critics and is in line for All-American honors. Our center trio is inexperienced. Bill Grey, the big baseball pitcher, has been made over into a football player; and Sandy has done a mighty good job. Rollins, a 180 pound Freshman who used to be a fullback and Newschaefer, now in his Junior year, are the guards. Against Fordham, they were well nigh impenetrable. Sandy calls the team a bunch of prep school boys, but he's tickled to death over the showing they made in the Fordham and Lafayette games. The big test, of course, comes next Saturday, when we meet the University of West Virginia. The game promises to be one of the best of the season.

So much for football. Things are going along much as usual on the campus. The Y. M. C. A. has raised two thousand dollars for the Association War Fund; the Glee Club is planning a Christmas trip for the benefit of the Red Cross; and the undergraduates have decided to cut down expenses for the College dances as much as possible. The total registration is 451, a decrease of about 75 from last year; and the Freshmen class numbers 170. Just now, the first year men are taking their physical exams in the gym. Do you remember how many times you could chin the bar?

The regular fall tennis tournament is being held with the usual postponements, etc., the basketball team has started practice; and the annual interclass track meet will be held on Election Day. Further gossip will be found in the Quarterly, which will be mailed to you next week.

EARL REED SILVERS,

Director.

November 8th, 1917.

LETTER III.

TO RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:-

That last letter of ours wasn't much of a success from a purely mechanical standpoint, was it? We said that Rollins is a 180 "poind" Freshman, and made a few other mistakes which gave the letter the appearance of those patent medicine circulars we all get once every so often. But there was the best reason in the world for the poor workmanship of that communication; Joe Costa, the Registrar's stenographer, who was the only man on the campus who knows very much about the mimeograph, sailed for France on October 30th to do his bit for the big cause we are all working for, and the attempt of his substitute to get out a decent looking letter was about as successful as Fordham's efforts to pierce the line of the Rutgers football team.

Speaking of football, there was a game on Neilson Field last Saturday which was worth going miles to see. West Virginia came up to New Brunswick full of pep and confidence which was in some degree merited, for when the smoke of battle had worn away, the score was 7 to 7. Rutgers should have won. In the first quarter, we rushed the abll down the field by a series of old-fashioned line plunges, Kelly finally ploughing his way outside of tackle for a touch-down. In the second period, West Virginia, by a big gain in an exchange of punts and two successful forward passes, brought the ball to within four yards of our goal, but here the Scarlet line held firm. A few minutes later we were advancing up the field by leaps and bounds, and the timer's whistle was all that kept us from scoring again. Something must have happened to the visitors between the halves, for they came out for the third quarter completely made over. With the wind at their backs and a fellow named King who could punt a mile, they took up the kicking game and forced us back yard by yard. Standing behind his goal line, Mike Whitehill attempted to kick out of danger, but he was hurried and his

punt went out of bounds on the twenty yard line. From here, Rogers, the star halfback of W. V. took the abll around and and through our line for the score that tied the game. In the final period, both teams took chances with the forward pass, and we almost made a touchdown, the ball slipping through Robeson's fingers as he stood beneath the uprights. It was a hard game to lose, especially as we outrushed and outplayed the other team in everything but the kicking department. The breaks of the game were against us, and we didn't win; but the result was really a triumph for Sandy's "team of kids."

On Saturday, we play Springfield in New Brunswick, and that is the last game scheduled, but Manager MacDonald hopes to have Eddie Mahan's team of Marines here on the 17th, and negotiations are being carried on with Lehigh for a contest in N. B. for the 24th. The latter game isn't announced yet, and maybe you shouldn't know about it; but anyhow we'll take a chance. If it falls through, you'll find out in the next letter.

The College is very anxious to start a collection of souvenirs and trophies of the war, and we're going to ask your help. Will you send us anything which you think will be of interest or value? We want your picture in uniform, camp papers, circulars you may receive, or anything else to do with the war. And you men in France can send us maybe a copy of a trench paper, a bit of shrapnel, or the first German helmet you capture. Everything pertaining to the war will be of great value in after years, and we do hope that you will try to help out the College in this way.

Three hundred and fifty Rutgers men are now in active service. The list will be mailed to you Friday.

EARL REED SILVERS,

Director.

November 16th, 1917.

LETTER IV.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE;-

Only one man so far has sent us a souvenir of camp, and that is a newspaper, THE WATCHDOG, published by the First Provisional Regiment, New York Guard. We are very anxious to gather a big collection of such things, and we do hope that you men will help us out. And then, too, we want to emphasize the importance of notifying us of any change of address. Don't forget to let us know where you are and where you're going to, and if you leave for France drop us a postal card with your forwarding address. And you men in the Officers' Reserve Training Camps will be getting commissions soon and will be shifting. Please let us know about them; we don't want to lose track of you.

There are now about 48 Rutgers men in France, and 358 altogether in active service. We have 3 generals, 2 colonels, 5 majors, 22 captains, 84 lieutenants, 12 sergeants, 7 corporals, and 103 privates. The rest of the men are seamen, aviators, and ambulance drivers. As to classifications, 151 are in the Infantry, 33 in Artillery, 27 in Engineering, 21 in Medical, 41 in the Naval Reserve, and 15 in aviation. Of the 358 men in service this Bureau is in touch with about 310; the rest have been lost sight of for the time being, but we are hoping to find them soon. New names are coming in every day. Can any of you men tell us where Lieut. Neil MacDougal is?

Nothing very much has happened around the college since the Quarterly was sent out. A word to us will bring the magazine to any of you who didn't get it, by the way. President Demarest is at Washington just now, and hopes to drop in to see the Fort Myer men. Rutgers has been designated as one of the colleges whose graduates may enter the Third Officers' Training Camp, and our quota has been placed at 24. Probably twice that number of applications will be received.

The Sophomore Hop will be held on December 7th, and at least one

soldier will be there, because he's written and asked us about it. The students are going to cut out all extras, but there'll be good music and everyone is looking forward to a good time. The cost is two dollars a ticket. Boocock '20 has won the college championship in tennis; an interclass soccer league is meeting with some little interest, and the Sophomores won the annual interclass track meet on Election Day. All of the various clubs are holding meetings as usual, and the Y. M. C. A. seems to be booming.

The football team is getting better every day, and right now it ranks with the very best in the country. The men have been working under a big handicap, too. There are so few scrubs that a real scrimmage practice has been held only once this year. Sandy gets around the difficulty by concentrating on certain points of attack and defense. The New York Evening Sun said recently that "the success of the Rutgers team this year must go down as the big achievement in the gridiron sport for 1917."

Most of you have probably heard about the Springfield game, which we won by a score of 61 to 0. Not once in the four ten minute periods did we make a punt or lose the ball on downs, which is just about all that needs to be said concerning the game. This Saturday, November 17th, we play the League Island Marines, led by Eddie Mahan. It's the last home game of the season, for on November 24th we're going to take a chance with 'Cupid' Black's world beaters, at Ebbetts Field, Brooklyn; and on Thanksgiving Day we meet Lehigh at the Polo Grounds. Both games are going to make our Rutgers team hustle, but we're looking for a clean slate for the remainder of the season, just the same.

EARL REED SILVERS,

Director.

November 26th, 1917.

LETTER V.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE;-

On Saturday, the Rutgers football team rose to the heights and defeated 'Cupid' Black's Naval Reserves by a score of 14 to 0. A good many of you have probably read all about it in the New York papers; how Rutgers was expected to be decisively beaten, how everybody but 'Sandy' thought that we didn't have a chance in the world; and finally, how the team justified their coach's confidence in them and played one of the best games of football it has ever been my good fortune to see.

Almost a thousand of us, students and alumni, made the trip to the wilds of Brooklyn, hoping, but hardly believing, that Rutgers would conquer the team that had beaten Brown 35 to 0 only two weeks ago. The Reserves were rather awe-inspiring with their list of former All-American stars; Black of Yale, Schlacter, of Syracuse; Barrott, of Cornell, and Gerrish of Dartmouth, and all we had was a bunch of nervy youngsters who didn't really know whether they could play football or not. They should have been rather overcome by the personnel of the opposing team; but Black, of Yale might just as well have been Jones, of Squedunk; for the boys just waded into the greatest collection of stars that had ever been gathered together, and outplayed, outgamed and outlucked them from whistle to whistle. It was a splendid exhibition of real football and a big triumph for Rutgers and the Rutgers coaching system.

We made both touchdowns in the second period, the first on a plunge through guard by Whitehill, and the second on a forward pass to Robeson. Those two scores left the Reserves rather stunned; they had expected victory, and the prospect of defeat rather irritated them. So they plunged into the game with renewed determination, but in spite of their best efforts Rutgers continued to outplay them, and would probably have scored again had the game continued a few

minutes longer.

In beating the Naval Reserves, our team gained a high place in the football hall of fame. Coach Sanford says that we are the best team in the East, and he generally knows what he is talking about. It is too bad that we can't play again, but the proposed game with Lehigh has been called off; and Saturday's contest was probably the last one of the season. But it was a good ending, and Rutgers ought to be satisfied.

Now for a brief word about other things. The Bureau has received seven camp papers and a set of dice, and we are hoping that some of you men will send other things. Six alumni wrote in to tell us where Neil MacDougal is, so we'll try again on someone else. Who knows the address of Capt. H. S. Lang or Lieut. Wm. S. Haelig? Please don't all answer at once. But we are anxious to get in touch with those two men; and if you know, drop us a line. We are anxious, too, for some pictures of Rutgers men in uniform. Here's a good chance to get your picture in the Quarterly, and we are looking for as many as possible for the January issue.

The college is having a service flag prepared with three hundred and eighty stars in the center. A number of undergraduates are thinking seriously of enlisting in some branch of service before the next draft comes, and we shall probably lose fifty or more students. But things seem to be going along smoothly, and the college has cause to be thankful.

Thanksgiving recess starts on Wednesday. Do you remember how you used to cut the last class and 'beat it' for the train, suit-case in hand? I wish that all of you could get home this year, and that you could find the time to drop into the office of the Service Bureau.

EARL REED SILVERS,

Director.

December 3, 1917.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE.

LETTER VI.

Did you ever sit down to write a letter and then, after you're all ready to start, wonder what in the world you're going to write about? That's seems to be the case this morning; college is closed, all the students are away, and not a single thing has happened. As far as the Service Bureau is concerned, four more persons have told us about Neil MacDougal, but not one has sent in the address of Bill Haelig or H. S. Lang. Where under the sun have they disappeared to? We have nine more camp papers, a shrapnel shell which is so heavy that it broke the top of our filing cabinet, and two bullets from Petersburg, Va. King Powell '17, Chris Robinson '16, Bob Durand '18, and Steve White '16 have dropped in for a chat and have promised to send us souvenirs. We hope that you other men won't forget; it's not just a fad, for we have really started a war collection in the college library.

Announcement of commissions from Fort Myers was made this week; and the Rutgers men, as usual, did splendidly. Twenty-eight of them came through with flying colors, all but two of the Rutgers contingent at the camp. Briefly the list follows:

Captains: Ralph P. White '16, Will G. Atwood '10, Albert L.

Stillman '05, Alfred J. Mahnken '08.

First Lieutenants: J. Blanchard Durand '18, Charles R. Gildersleeve '18, Ralph G. Seiler '16, Richard U. Strong '98, George A. Mount '04, Ralph N. Perlee '10, Edward L. Breen '15, Kenneth S. Franklin '10, Ralph F. Ritter '09, Robert A. Lufburrow '08, George W. Martin '12.

Second Lieutenants: Samuel P. Savage '19, Ralph Heidingsfeld '11, Floyd E. Mehrhof '17, David M. Abt '17, John

Monteith '16, Leonel F. Phillips (formerly Liebschutz) '12, Theodore Van Winkel '13, Ralph E. Cooper '13, John L. Kelly '19, Henry Kreh '11, Howard F. R. Mason '18, E. Tiel Smith '13, Henry G. Haas '18.

That is a record of which we are all mighty proud. Someone has told us that Steve White '16 was the first on the list of captains in Class A, and that had he been older, he would have been commissioned major. Steve saw active service with the British troops in Egypt and was one of the veterans at Fort Myer.

We understand that most of the newly commissioned officers will be stationed at Camp Lee or Camp Meade, and it's going to be an awful job to find out where to address them. Only four have written to us, although we sent a personal letter and a return envelope to all of the twenty-eight. Maybe the others are going to wait until they get in camp before writing.

The only thing of any note which happened at the college this week was the celebration of the football victory over "Cupid" Black's Naval Reserves. On Monday night the whole college turned out, made a big bonfire on the Commons, sang and cheered, and then proceeded to the Empire and the Opera House for the usual hilarious demonstration. But no harm was done, and everybody had a good time.

The Sophomore Hop will be held on Friday night of this week, basketball practice has started, the swimming team promises to be a winner, and John Thomas is still 'on the job' at Winants Hall.

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

December 12, 1917.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE.

LETTER VII

This is the last letter you will receive from the Director of the Bureau for two or three weeks at least. Instead of the regular letter next week, we are going to send to each Rutgers man in service a copy of the Football number of the Targum. This has been made possible through the generosity of the undergraduate body. The Christmas letter will be written by President Demarest, who has followed the progress of our Rutgers alumni and students with no little pride.

A few more of the newly commissioned officers have dropped in for a friendly chat. Si Seiler gave us a lot of information about things military and explained a number of technical terms which have been bothering us for the past few months; Russell Gildersleeve brought in some souvenirs; Henry Haas had some programs and notices for us; and Rus Hartley spent a few hours in New Brunswick on his way to Fort Tottem. It was good to see them, and I hope that others will come in for a moment or two, if only for a handshake.

The college is running along as usual, with the major part of undergraduate interest centered in basketball and swimming. An inter-fraternity basketball league has been organized, and the varsity is practicing three afternoons a week under the direction of Coach Hill. Captain Wittpenn, Miller, Meury, Whitehill, and Robeson, of last year's team are still in college, but they are going to have a hard time to hold their positions as we have a wealth of good material.

The swimming team begins its season on Friday evening with a duel meet with C. C. N. Y. Coach Jim Reilly thinks Rutgers will have one of the best teams in the country. Of the veterans, Paul Lukens is good for 25 $\frac{4}{5}$ seconds in the 50 yard dash; Captain Gallagher has already gone the 100 in one minute

flat; Lefurgy is a sure point winner in the plunge; and Goldstein promises to be a contender for the intercollegiate championship in the fancy diving event. The schedule includes meets with Baltimore City College, Amherst, Yale, Columbia, and Haverford.

At a meeting of the faculty last week, it was decided to close college on May 21. In order to make this possible, the Christmas recess will be shortened, there will be no mid-year exams, and the Easter vacation will be omitted. The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows: Dec. 22 to Dec. 31, Christmas vacation; Jan. 19, first term ends; Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday; May 2, Senior Examinations begin; May 9, lower class examinations begin; May 19, Baccalaureate Sermon; May 20, Class Day; May 21, Commencement.

We hope to use a number of pictures of Rutgers men in uniform in the January number of the Alumni Quarterly, and we would be really grateful for some photographs within the next two weeks.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

December, 1917.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

Your Alma Mater sends you Christmas greetings!

The thought of all those in the college to-day, trustees, faculty, and students, is with you on land or sea, in camp or trench, in workshop or war vessel of the national defense. The President gives you personal message of good will and high expectation. Rutgers is proud of the many men who from her halls have gone at the country's call to wage the fight for national honor and for the rights of humankind; proud of the great number whom the country has chosen to send forth as officers in the great campaign; proud of those who have been willing to take a lowest place in the line, if they might serve even with life itself the high purposes to which the country is pledge.

It is high honor indeed that is yours to stand in the great crisis of the modern time, to be part of the great conquering host that is to win the war, to establish justice and mercy, and to make sure the foundations on which a broken world is to be rebuilt. In the midst of all privation or of patient waiting, in the stress of awful conflict, or in the thrill of splendid triumph, you will glory in your strong manhood divinely called to full devotion. Day by day, among the noble voices that inspire and sustain you, may this be not the least: That your manhood, brave and true, adds new glory to the ancient glory of old Rutgers.

Here on the old Queens Campus waves the service flag, a star for every man, and the flag of stars and strips, that we may daily pledge to you our remembrance and our like devotion.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) W. H. S. Demarest.

January 4, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER IX.

It seems ages since the last letter was written, and a good deal has happened at the college since that time. On December 19th, a United States flag and a service flag were presented to the college by Mrs. L. F. Loree. A ninety foot steel pole has been erected in front of the Alumni House, and every day these two flags are unfurled as a symbol of the sacrifice you men are making for the nation. The exercises in connection with the presentation of the flags were held in the afternoon of the 19th. Major General Eli D. Hoyle, then commanding the Eastern Department, presented the national colors; and Major General John F. Mallory, then commander at Camp Dix, presented the service flag. Dr. William I. Chamberlain made the speech of acceptance on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and President Demarest presided. The college battalion was there in uniform.

The swimming team started off well by winning from C. C. N. Y. in the Rutgers tank a couple of weeks ago by a score of 48 to 5. The next meet will be held with Baltimore City College, on January 18th. The basketball team will play its first game tomorrow night, January 5th, against N. Y. U. The men have been practicing three times a week under Coach Frank Hill and are in excellent shape for the contest. Wittpenn, Robeson, Whitehill, Meury, and Neuschaefer will probably constitute the Rutgers team. With the exception of Neuschaefer, they are all veterans and should give a good account of themselves. On Monday night, the team meets Yale in New Brunswick.

Twenty-four men have been named as the Rutgers quota for the third officers' training camp. Here they are in alphabetical order: Briegs '12, Davies '14, Davis '17, DeWitt '15, Duruz '17, Hervey '14, Hurley '16, Morrison '09, Regendahl '14, Sahn '15, Steedle '15, Tilton '20, Turner '13, Van Keuren '09, Van Sickle '09. The following are already in service, but have been

recommended by the college: Archibald '17, W. S. Farley '15, W. H. Farley '16, Moore, '16, North '15, Roesch '16, Sliker '19, Walrath '14, Folsom '13. The first five alternates, in order of appointment, are Chase '13, Sprague '16, Forbest '18, Fisher '16, Conover '15. The men were ordered to report at camp on January 5th. There have been some others recommended by their division commanders, and we hope that each one will send us notice of his appointment and his new location. Word from any of you other men who may know of appointments would be appreciated.

The undergraduate registration is now 437, 14 students having withdrawn during the past three months to enter service, among them Rendall and Bill Gray of the football team. The Queens Clubs has been taken in by the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and the Scarlet Club by Phi Gamma Delta, leaving the Ivy Club as the only local at Rutgers. The annual Smoker of the Rutgers Club of New York will be held in Delmonicos, on Friday evening, January 18th, and a Smoker will be given by the Rutgers Club of New Brunswick, in the Alumni House, on January 11th. At the latter Smoker, Ohe Armstrong '17 is going to give an illustrated lecture of his experiences in France. It would be good if some of you men stationed nearby could come to one of the gatherings.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

January 17, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER X.

The one big ambition of our life has already been realized. We have here on the desk beside us a German helmet; a gray one, with an occasional dent where shrapnel has struck it. It was taken from the head of a German prisoner of war by Obe Armstrong '17 on one of the roads leading from Verdun. Obe has donated it to the War Service Bureau, along with the following mementoes of his six months as an ambulance driver in France; one blood-stained German bayonet, one German, one French, and one English gas mask; a German machine gun belt; a piece of shrapnel which weighs about a ton; the tip of a German aeroplane wing; two books several hundred years old; a "Gott mit uns" German belt; the French flag which has seen hard service; a Red Cross flag found on the battlefield. John Wall wants to borrow them to put in his window for a week or two, and after that they're going in the College Library, with other relics which we hope you men will send in from time to time. We have now about fifty camp papers, a score or more pictures, some insignia, some shells, and a number of miscellaneous articles. Fifty years from now they will be invaluable; and we are looking to you all to make the collection as large as possible. Toady Bracher has sent a ring made from a German helmet, but he is the only one in France heard from so far. A trench paper would go mighty well with the other things.

College is rather quiet these days. Mike Whitehill, varsity fullback has enlisted, leaving a big gap in the backfield to be filled next year. Basketball seems to be the main interest; and from present indications, we've got a team which compares well with any in the country. We haven't lost a game yet. First, we wallopped N. Y. U., 43 to 25; and two days later we took a chance with Yale and came out on the long end of a 33 to 31 score. It's the first time we've beaten Yale in anything in a dog's age. The boys felt pretty good about it;

but they didn't lose their sense of prospective, for the next week they defeated Lafayette, 38 to 33, in one of those good, old-fashioned 'rough-house' games which everyone but the players enjoys. The Rutgers team is made up mostly of football men; Kelly and Robeson are the forwards, Wittpenn, center, and Meury and Neuschaefer guards. Kelly has the proverbial "eye like an eagle", and Robey just reaches up and drops the ball in the basket whenever a point or two is needed. Mike Wittpenn shoots fouls and plays a splendid floor game; and Meury is a roving guard. Neuschaefer plays hang guard and watches the basket like a hawk. Football captain Bill Feitner is first substitute.

The different clubs meet once every so often, and last night trials were held for the varsity debating team. A good deal of interest is being shown in the interscholastic debating program, and 106 schools have entered the Rutgers leagues this year, including eight from the Hudson River Valley. The shortage of coal has necessitated the postponement of the first series of debates, but the program will be carried out as originally planned.

We are very anxious to know of the Rutgers men in the Third Officers' Camps. Haasis '11, Kirk '19, and Stang '15 are all we have heard about definitely; Dooling '14, Hickman '17, and Best '11 have been reported in the camps. Can any of you men enlighten us?

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

January 30, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XI.

Do you remember how you used to gulp down your cup of coffee, grab your hat and beat it across the campus at 8.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ every morning, so as not to be late to Chapel? And do you remember how, every once in so often you were late, the moving finger pointed toward the door, and you decided that maybe you didn't want to get to Chapel, after all? Well, if you were in college now, you could sleep ten minutes later, for "there ain't no Chapel any more." The building has been closed in order to save coal, and to date no petition for a reopening has been received.

The second term has started; and in spite of the fact that there were no exams, fourteen undergraduates have left us-- "for the faculty and they were forced to part." Our student enrollment now hovers around the four hundred mark, and possibly some of those remaining will leave before the end of the term. The new draft will take some, although word has been received from Washington that all drafted students who have taken the military course will be sent directly to officers' training camps. And then, too, those taking engineering are exempt from conscription and are placed in the Engineers Reserve Corps if they stand among the first third of the class. So the value of training at Rutgers is beginning to be seen.

Basketball still continues to be the main winter activity, although possibly some games may be cancelled because of the coal situation. We've had a mighty successful season to date, having defeated N. Y. U. 41 to 27, Yale 33 to 31, Lafayette 38 to 33, and Pratt 36 to 28. The scheduled game with Stevens was cancelled because Hoboken hasn't any fuel.

Intercollegiate debates have been arranged with Trinity and New York University. The final trials were held Monday evening, resulting in the selection of Robeson '19, Bowman '18, Hendrickson '20, with Davenport '20, as alternate.

"Robie" seems to be as good in debating as he is on the football field.

And speaking of football, the schedule for next year is coming along splendidly. Six games have been arranged for so far; Fordham at New York, Ursinus at New Brunswick, Penn State at Penn State, Lehigh at South Bethlehem, Lafayette at New Brunswick, and Colgate at New York. There are three other games to be arranged for, all at home. It's a good schedule, isn't it? And what a fine thing it would be if we could all get together in the stands once again and give "The long yell for the team."

If any of you haven't received the Football Number of the Targum or the January issue of the Quarterly, a line to the Director will send one on its way to you as fast as the mails will carry it. And after you've read the Quarterly, will some of you sit down and write a long letter to be used in the next number? We want to hear from our men in service; every word from you is going to add to the history and traditions of the college. So write in whenever you can.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

February 13, 191⁸6.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XII.

Nothing seems to be happening around college these days; we are just drifting along the end of the term. Some more men have dropped out; and now the undergraduate body numbers 394, classified as follows:

	1st term	2nd term
Seniors.....	49	49
Juniors.....	84	78
Sophomores.....	143	121
Freshmen.....	170	146

The basketball team suffered its first defeat last Saturday night when the University of Pennsylvania walloped us to the tune of 44 to 28. The game was played in Philadelphia, and the court was strange, but Penn had the better team and we have no excuse. Tomorrow night we play Princeton in the Ballantine Gymnasium in what ought to be the best game of the season. You'll hear about it in the next letter.

The Junior Prom, scheduled for February 21st, has been indefinitely postponed because of the coal situation, and may possibly be merged into the Military Ball. At any rate, it will not be held until the weather grows milder; for the gymnasium, with the exception of the offices of the military department, is unheated. Van Nest Hall has been shut off entirely, and the History and English Classes are held in Queens. The Chapel is still closed and the Library closes every afternoon at two o'clock, which gives a lot of fellows an excuse for not reading reference books which they wouldn't have read anyhow.

All swimming meets have been cancelled, as the water in the swimming pool is unheated. It is possible, however, that one or two duel meets will be arranged in the early spring. The track schedule has been announced; April 26th, Penn

Relays at Philadelphi; May 1st, Swarthmore at Swarthmore; May 4th, N. Y. U. at New Brunswick. The list is a short one, due to the early closing of college.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Council will meet in the Alumni House tomorrow afternoon. Ralph Voorhees '17, the alumni Secretary, is going to ask for a six months' leave of absence in order to go into Army Y. M. C. A. work, starting April 1st. Maybe some of you men will run across him in camp.

If any of you men wish to send letters to other Rutgers men whose addresses you do not know, the Service Bureau will be glad to act as a forwarding agency. And don't forget, when you're writing, to send a line or two to the Director. The College is always glad to hear from you.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

February 27, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XIII.

Another Rutgers man has won the Croix de Guerre. This time it is Sherman L. Conklin, of the class of 1916, who just now is in a hospital "Somewhere in France," but who expects to be up and about within a few weeks. We have not as yet heard much about the award. It seems that he was near a comrade whose coat, which had been saturated with gasoline, suddenly caught fire. "Sherm" beat out the fire with his hands and saved the man's life, although both were badly burned. The award of the Cross of War, with the silver star, followed. So we now have four Rutgers men who have been signally honored by the French Government; Roeder '06, Armstrong '16, Skinner '19, and Conklin '16. Who's going to be next?

Our basketball team didn't do as well as was expected against Princeton. To be perfectly frank, they didn't do well at all and were soundly walloped to the tune of 41 to 14. However, there's one ray of light; the gym was crowded to its doors and the financial success of the season is assured. On Saturday we play Ursinus in New Brunswick; and on the next Saturday, Lafayette at Easton. If we win both of these games, the season's record will be a good one.

The College Library is now open until five oclock every afternoon and if the weather continues to be mild, it is probable that the other buildings will be opened again. A few more undergraduates have left for camp with the latest draft, and two or three have enlisted in aviation. The Interscholastic Debating Committee is planning for the first series of school debates on March 15th, and the Junior Prom Committee is considering April 12th as a probably date for the dance.

What remains of the baseball team will begin indoor practice soon, under the direction of General Frank Cox. Not many players are left from last year: Berg, catcher, is in the Medical Corps; Luke Waterfield is in the Navy and Bill

Gray in Ambulance work; Mike Whitehill has taken up aviation; Eddie Durand is a corporal in the Signal Corps; Capt. Bub Durand is a 1st Lieutenant in the Infantry; and Captain-elect Johnny Lyons will probably be drafted before the season opens. It's going to be a big job to develop a winning team out of the few fellows left.

Our men in service are shifting continually these days; every week sees a half dozen or so leave for the other side. Some of them forget to notify us of their change of address, which makes our job all the harder. As soon as you change, will you please drop a line to the College? It only takes a minute, and surely it's worth that much to keep in touch with things.

Wallace Dunlop '16 has sent on some trophies from France; and A. C. Minton '16 forwarded yesterday a complete American gas mask. Our collection is already exceptionally valuable, and if every man who has promised to send something keeps his word, Rutgers will have more war relics than any college in the Country.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

March 13, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XIV.

The Director of the Service Bureau has just returned from a lecture trip up the Hudson River, having spoken at Peekskill, Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Albany, Catskill, Hudson, Kingston, and Saugerties. Addresses were made at high schools on either "COLLEGE LIFE," or "WORKING COLLEGE", and were illustrated by lantern slides. The trip was the first gun of our spring campaign for students; we are going to try for a record Freshmen class next year.

The basketball season was concluded on March 2nd with a defeat at the hands of Lafayette, at Easton, by the score of 35 to 30. On the preceding night we won from Ursinus, in New Brunswick, 39 to 22. The season was a fairly successful one, with five victories and three defeats. It is a strange coincidence that our total points amounted to 261, the exact total made by our opponents. The record follows: Rutgers 43, N. Y. U. 27; Rutgers 38, Lafayette 33; Rutgers 33, Yale 31; Rutgers 36, Pratt 28; Rutgers 28, U. of Penn. 44; Rutgers 14, Princeton 41; Rutgers 39, Ursinus 22; Rutgers 30, Lafayette 35.

Robeson was the high scorer of the season with 60 points. The other point makers were; Kelly 52, Meury 48, Wittpenn 46, Neuschaefer 10, Taliaferro 6, Gardner 4, Breckley 4, and Rice 2. The varsity letter was awarded to all those mentioned, with the exception of Rice, at the recent Board of Managers meeting. Neuschaefer has been chosen captain for next year.

The first indoor baseball practice was held yesterday under the direction of Coach "General" Cox. Manager Ferguson has announced the following schedule: April 6, Ursinus at home; April 13, N. Y. U. at New York; April 19, Cornell at home; April 27, Union at Schenectady; May 4, Fordham at home; May 11, Colgate at home; May 18 and 20, open. With Ursinus, Cornell, Fordham, and Colgate playing in New Brunswick, there should be no lack of high class baseball during the next two months.

The undergraduate activities are speeding up a bit. Twenty football players, managers, and coaches received gold footballs from A. A. at a Smoker in the Beta House recently. The fraternity basketball league is arousing a good deal of interest. The standing follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Team	Won	Lost
Queen's Club	3	0	Zeta Psi	1	1
Phi Epsilon Pi	2	0	Delta Kappa Epsilon	1	2
Ivy Club	3	1	Neutrals	1	2
Beta Theta Pi	2	1	Pi Kappa Alpha	1	2
Chi Phi	2	1	Chi Psi	0	1
Delta Upsilon	2	1	Scarlet Club	0	2
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	2	Delta Phi	0	3

In the interclass bowling league, 1918, has won 13 and lost 5; 1919 won 12, lost 6; 1920 won 11, lost 7; 1921, won 0 lost 18. The Freshmen have broken all known records in interclass competition.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

March 27, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XV.

College almost closed last week because of an epidemic of measles; but we weathered the gale and are still running along as usual. Ten students are home with the measles; one is in the hospital with pneumonia; and one Freshmen, Harry Howard Cox, of Cranford, N. J., a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, died on March 23rd of meningitis. His future was filled with promise and the College mourns his loss.

Chapel was resumed last Sunday and the library and other buildings are now open for regular work. The swimming team has started practice again in the hope of securing a meet or two sometime during the spring. Rutgers entered several men in the intercollegiate championships at Princeton Saturday night, and managed to bring home two points. Captain Gallagher got a fourth place in the 220 yard swim, and Goldstein finished fourth in the fancy dive. We had hoped to do better, but might have done a lot worse.

The baseball and track teams are now practicing on Neilson Field. General Cox's chief difficulty seems to be the finding of a catcher and pitcher. George Rule of New Brunswick is the leading candidate for the mound position with Austin Rice '19 doing the backstop work. Mike Wittpenn who, according to Steve Brodie, "ain't got nothin' but a swift ball and a smile", is alternating between first base and pitcher and may be given a chance in the box. Tom Gargan looks to be the best man for second base, with Weller, a veteran, at Shortstop. Frank Kelley, of football fame, and Leal Taliaferro, the basketball player, are having a merry battle for Bub Durand's place at third; and Captain Johnny Lyons and Cliff Baker are sure of outfield berths. The team is coming along in good shape, and the General predicts a successful season.

In track, we have MacDonald in the mile, Bellerjeau, in the hurdles

and quarter, Rice in the sprints, Feitner in the weights, and Breckley in the pole vault. Robeson is going to take a chance with the discus and shot, and Wittpenn is another weight man of promise. There are a lot of candidates for the distance runs, so we ought to have a well balanced team. Three members of the relay team are still eligible.

The interclass bowling league is just about finished, although it will be necessary for the Seniors and Juniors to bowl off a tie for first place. Each class has won 18 games and lost 9. The Freshmen surprised themselves last week and won a game, after losing 26 straight. So, you see, in these times almost anything can happen.

The varsity debating team of Trinity sent word this morning that the debate with Rutgers would have to be cancelled. It was originally scheduled for March 15, and our men were all prepared at that time. Trinity asked for a postponement, however, and finally called it off altogether. You can imagine how pleased we are about it.

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

April 10, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XVI.

Our men are changing and shifting so frequently these days that it's one of the hardest jobs in the world to keep track of them. It would make things much easier for us here at the college if you men would send us a postal whenever you make a change. We want to hear about promotions, also, and about new appointments. Don't put it off; send us news about yourself and any other Rutgers men you may chance to meet. And write whenever you can; you will see by the April QUARTERLY, which will be sent you, just how interesting are the letters we have printed from our men in service.

Last week the Director of the Bureau enjoyed the companionship of an infected boil on the back of his neck; but between hot compresses and poultices, he managed to make a synopsis of the number of Rutgers men on the honor roll. We now have 521, counting the faculty. The class of 1916 leads with 68; 1917 is second with 53; and 1915 third with 49. We have 2 major generals, 1 colonel, 3 lieutenants colonels, 8 majors, 32 captains, 74 first lieutenants, 74 second lieutenants, 70 students (including aviation and officers' training camps), 18 sergeants, 16 corporals and 138 privates. Ten alumni are doing Y. M. C. A. work, and 3 are actively in the service of the Red Cross. Probably the most striking feature of the table is the fact that we have more lieutenants than privates. The complete list will be published in the QUARTERLY. If you do not get your copy within the next month, drop us a line.

Our baseball team walloped the tar out of Ursinus on Saturday by the score of 11 to 0; but whether it was because we are good or Ursinus is bad, we don't know. The men fielded well, however, and showed a very encouraging tendency to crack the ball on the nose. George Rule, a redheaded Sophomore from New Brunswick, was in the box for us, and showed a good deal of promise, holding the opposing batters to two hits. Robeson, who seems to do everything

equally well, was on the receiving line. Mike Wittpenn was on first base, and whanged out a triple with the bases full in the initial stanza. Wilkin, a Senior, was on second; Leal Taliaferro, the basketball player, on third; and Weller, the only infield veteran, at shortstop. Captain Johnny Lyons, Aut Rice, and Cliff Baker composed the outfield. The team is inexperienced, but seems to have a good deal of baseball knowledge. General Cox is optimistic, and says that the season will be a success.

The track team is working out every day on Neilson Field under the direction of Professor Dodge. The relay team, with three veterans, MacDonald, Rice, and Bellerjeau, still in college, has a mighty good chance to win first place in Class 2; and Robeson, who finds a few minutes after baseball practice to run and jump a bit, is entered in the pentathlon. Coach Dodge says that he's going to win it.

We have just heard that Captain Leasure is a lieutenant colonel on the staff of General Pershing. If any of you men should run across him in France, give him the glad hand and the good word from Rutgers.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

April 17, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XVII.

I have been meaning to tell you men about the American University Union in Europe for a long time; but one thing after another has come up to prevent it.

The University Union is a big college men's club in the heart of Paris, to which all Rutgers students and alumni are cordially invited. Perhaps its purpose can best be explained by quoting from its constitution:

1. To provide at moderate cost a home with the privileges of a simple club for American college men and their friends passing through Paris or on furlough.
2. To provide a headquarters for the various bureaus already established or to be established in France by representative American universities, colleges, and technical schools.
3. To co-operate with these bureaus when established, and in their absence to aid institutions, parents, or friends in securing information about college men in all forms of war service, reporting on casualties, visiting the sick and wounded, giving advice, serving as a means of communication with them, etc.

It would be a good thing, therefore, for all you men to register at the Union whenever you happen to be in Paris. The various secretaries will then keep in touch with you, notify your relatives and the college if you are injured, and perform any reasonable service you may require of them.

The Union has rented for the period of the war the Royal Palace Hotel, on the Place du Theatre Francais, in Paris. The hotel is modern in every particular and has 80 outside bedrooms, with accommodations for 100 men, in addition to reading rooms, etc. A sign "The American University Union" has been placed over the front entrance, so there is no danger of your missing it.

The first thing to do upon visiting the Union is to register in the Rutgers section. You can look over the list of names and see if anyone you know is, or has been, in Paris; and perhaps you can look him up and have a chat over college days. If you want a room for the night, you can secure one at the Union at very moderate cost; if you want a meal, luncheon is provided for about 80 cents, or dinner for one dollar. You can sign up for three meals for \$1.75.

The Union is a mighty good thing, and we want every Rutgers man in Paris to register. It is really a big university club, where you can meet congenial men and where you will be made feel at home. So make the Union your headquarters in France; make it the general meeting place of Rutgers men.

Up to February 14 the following alumni and undergraduates had registered: Bergamini '13, Broome '17, Dewald '11, Freeman '19, Kain '06, Mahnken '08, Maxson '14, Miner '19, Norcum '15, Pattison '19, Skinner '19, Voorhees, R. S. '20. Before the year is out we expect to have at least 100 Rutgers names on the register.

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

April 24, 1928.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XLVII.

If the war isn't over soon, we'll have to stop numbering these letters according to the Roman system. We're getting mixed up already.

Rutgers is going to admit women next year. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees last week, it was decided to establish a Woman's College as a department of the State University. The property of Mrs. John N. Carpender, on George Street, near the College Farm, will be rented or purchased; and it is hoped that classes will be started in September. The whole matter is in the hands of a special committee of the Trustees who will work out a definite plan and present it at the meeting of the Board on May 21st. The establishment of this new department will have very little effect on the college itself. Rutgers professors will teach classes in the Women's College; and possibly one or two of our buildings, especially the Library, will be used by the women. But the financial maintenance of the Women's College will be wholly separate from Rutgers, and the name too is likely to be different.

The college has received a number of gifts during the past few weeks. Through the will of the late Henry Janeway Hardenbergh, who designed and built Geological Hall and Kirkpatrick Chapel, we have received a very complete library in architecture, and the sum of \$20,000. Mr. Theodore Stanton, of France, has given to the college several thousand volumes of French literature; and Miss Cora S. Brooks, daughter of the late E. F. Brooks '72, has offered \$1000 for the establishment of a prize in the Engineering Department. Most of you have heard, of course, about the \$100,000 gift from James B. Ford.

The baseball team lost to Cornell last Friday afternoon, 6 to 4. The game was well played and nothing to be ashamed of. On April 27th, Union will be met at Schenectady; on May 4th, Colgate comes to New Brunswick, and on May 11th we play Fordham on Neilson Field. The May 20th date is still open.

Speaking of May 20th, we hope that as many men of you as can possibly do so will try to get leaves of absence so that you can come to Commencement. It is held this year on May 21st, with Class Day Exercises and the Class Reunions on the preceding day. All of you can be assured of a hearty welcome.

The Scarlet Club was taken into the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity last week, and the Queen's Club will be initiated into Kappa Sigma on April 30th. The Junior Prom took place last Friday evening, with a fairly good attendance. McKee's orchestra of ten pieces provided the music, the usual butterflies and flappers were out in force, and everybody seemed to have a good time. The Senior Ball is scheduled for the evening of Commencement Day. The varsity tennis team lost to Columbia 6 to 0 in New York last Tuesday: MacDonald, Bellerjeau, Rice, and Barbehenn will carry the Scarlet of Rutgers in the Penn Relays on Saturday; and Wittpenn and Robeson will be our entries in the Pentathlon.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

May 9, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XIX.

Between boils, and lectures, and Commencement plans, and baseball games, and keeping track of you men in the service, the life of a War Bureau Director isn't any cinch. But you can make it a good deal easier by sending in at once any change of address. That's our big task; to know where you go from where you are. It reminds me of the song, "Where do we go From Here."

I wish that you could all come back to Commencement. It would be fine, wouldn't it, to hear the band playing on the Queen's Campus to watch the Seniors strutting around in cap and gown, to see the old grads coming back, their coats beribboned and their trousers carefully creased. Maybe some day we'll all be back again.

This year the festivities are going to take up five days. In the hope that some of you in camp will be able to get to New Brunswick for a day or two, we are sending the complete program. Here it is:

Friday, May 17: Address by the Very Rev. Sir George Adam Smith, Principal of Aberdeen University, Scotland, in the Kirkpatrick Chapel, at 4:30 P. M. upon the subject: "The War Aims of the Allies."

Saturday, May 18: Exhibition Drill of the College Battalion, at Neilson Field, at 3:00 P. M.
Columbia-New York University - Rutgers glee Club Concert, in the Gymnasium, at 8:15 P. M.

Sunday, May 19: Musical Service in the Chapel, at 4 P. M.
Baccalaureate Sermon, by the President, in the Second Reformed Church, at 7:30 P. M.

Monday, May 20: Class Day Exercises in the Gym, at 10:30 P. M.
and on the Campus, at 11:30. Baseball game,

May 20, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XX.

Outside, a circle of color is beginning to form around the newly planted tree in the rear of the Queen's Building. A suddenly dignified Senior, self-conscious in his unaccustomed cap and gown, is saying something about "Planting the seeds of class loyalty here with this tree on the old campus." The circle listens attentively, and as the speaker finishes, the patter of applause soars up to where we are watching in the window on the top floor of Queens. Sandy Ferguson, baseball manager, digs desperately, and withal awkwardly; and another class day passes into history.

There aren't very many people here today. Only forty two men are graduating, as compared with seventy-seven last year; and so the family attendance is naturally smaller. The alumni haven't started to come back yet; but blue sky and fair weather assure a good attendance tomorrow. Bob Searle is here in uniform from Camp Devens.

He brought with him an unexploded four-inch shell and my stenographer is in deadly in fear of being blown to atoms. Leitt. Thurlow Nelson '13 was in for a chat Saturday; and Bob Clark '19 is outside mingling with the crowd.

This afternoon we play Lafayette in baseball. The visiting team arrived at the gym just as the indoor exercises were about to start and delayed things a bit, but no harm was done. Johnny Lyons, our baseball captain, has gone to the Fourth Officers' Camp; and so we're not very optimistic about the result of the game this afternoon.

Last week we beat Colgate, 4 to 2, in one of the best games of the year. The visiting pitcher used a slow underhand ball which had our batters standing on their heads for the first four innings. But after that, we began to catch on to him; and in fifty, Weller walloped the ball to the running track, only to get caught at the home plate. Lyons, the next man up, sent a line drive which almost hit the

old grandstand, and romped all around the bases before the ball was returned. But he forgot to touch first, and the umpire called him out. So we made two home runs in one inning, but didn't score at all. In the eighth, however, we came into our own when Wilkin, center fielder, pounded out a triple with three men on bases. After that it was all over but the shouting.

The Fourth Officers' Training Camp started on May 25th, with the following Rutgers men in attendance; H. M. Allne '14, Beyer '18, Fred Briegs '12, Chambers '17; Cloke '08, Della Volpe '18, Elmer '17, Ferguson '18, Fisher '16, Graff '17, Grier '15, Hope '17, Howell '15, Hurely '16, George Jones '11, Lyons '18, Mercker '15, Bergen Merrill '08, Meyerend '18, Moore '16, Morey '16, Peebles '12, Regendahl '14, G. J. Smith '15, P. R. Smith '18, Test '17, E. W. Thomson '15. There was some mix-up about the men stationed in the 78th Division at Camp Dix, and we do not know just what has happened to them. However, the other fellows are off to camp.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

June 5, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXI.

College is closed now, and the campus is deserted. The only sign of life is a perspiring Johnny Thomas desperately wrestling with a stubborn lawnmower. Even Jake Besas has gone.

Things have been unusually quiet since Commencement two weeks ago, which, by the way, was one of the most impressive Commencements we have ever had. The alumni returned in full force, although there was a noticeable absence of younger men. Only a few of the men in khaki got back; Bob Clark was here to graduate, Bob Searle came down from Camp Devens, Jay Leslie and Ralph Voorhees dropped over from Camp Merritt, Thurlow Nelson stopped off on his way to Washington and Bull Cooper left Hoboken long enough for a brief visit. It was good to see them.

The feature of Commencement was the presence of Secretary Josephus Daniels, who was given the degree of Doctor of Laws. At the Alumni Dinner in the gymnasium, he spoke for over an hour, telling of the work of the Navy, its personnel, the bravery of its men, and the hardships of the service. He prophesied that the United States would have enough ships to transport millions of men to France next year. His speech was a masterpiece.

After the dinner in the gym, we started to hike across the campus to the President's Reception; but a whale of a thunderstorm broke so suddenly that people couldn't even get from the Chapel to the Alumni House. It rained steadily for over two hours, and the New Brunswick taxi men did a rushing business.

Forty-Seven students were given degrees this year, as compared with seventy-seven in 1917. The honorary degrees awarded were as follows: M. A., Sprague Carlton '04; D. Sc., Richard Swan Lull '93, Robert Mayo Catlin; Litt. D. John Alloysius O'Grady; D. D., William H. Boocock '85, Ralph W. Brokaw '84; LL. D. Frank Bergen, Josephus Daniels. There were also some graduate degrees. M. Sc., Ralston

Hannas '16, Edward W. Harvey, and Robert F. Poole; C. E., Charles Elliott '08; Ph. D., C. R. Fellers, Harry C. Mc Lean, William H. Martin, M. I. Walkoff, Mrs. Mary Mitchell Moore. Mrs. Moore is the first woman to win a graduate degree from Rutgers.

So much for Commencement; a detailed account will be found in the Quarterly and the Targum, which we are going to send to you. Just now, our attention is centered in the State Competitive Examinations, which begin tomorrow. We can get a fair estimate of the number of students to enter next year by checking up the number of those taking the exams.

On Friday and Saturday of last week, Rutgers came briefly into the limelight by scoring 3 1/2 points in the Intercollegiate Championship. Joe Breckley, by clearing twelve feet in the pole vault, tied for third place; and Summerill, our Freshmen Jumper, leaped 21 feet 1/4 inch in the broad jump, and managed to win fifth. Its the first time we've done we well since the days of Val Havens.

That shell of Bob Searle's which almost scared our stenographer to death wasn't loaded, after all.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

June 19, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXII.

Several men have written in to ask if the war service letters are to be discontinued during the summer. They will be, if the war stops; otherwise we're going to keep right on, if everybody in this office has to go without a vacation and we have to compose some poetry to fill up space. You men can help out a good deal by sending along any gossip you may have picked up. It's going to be hard to find live news for the next few weeks, and we would appreciate your help. So let's all pull together and make the service bureau a bureau of real service.

Some more souvenirs have come in recently. We have in the library collection, a Croix de Guerre and an Iron Cross, the gifts of John P. Wall. Where under the sun U. P. got them we do not know, but they are valuable additions to an already valuable collection, and we are mighty glad to have them. Covert '18 has sent on a German scabbard from the former raider, Prince Eitel Frederick; and Maxson '14 mailed us a piece of German aeroplane which he saw fall in flames on the West front. Newspapers continue to come in, but most of the men have forgotten about sending their pictures. We would like to have a picture of every Rutgers man in service. You can do your part by mailing a snapshot of yourself.

The State Competitive examinations were held in fifty high schools and county courthouses last week, but the returns have not all been received as yet. Indications point to a small class next year, which is, of course, to be expected. If we have three hundred men in college when the doors are opened in September, we'll be doing well. Bill Feitner, Joe Breckley, and Cliff Baker, all football men, have enlisted in the Naval Reserve, but may be released in the fall in order to complete their studies. If not, our varsity team will be composed of about two veterans and nine "rookies."

A Rutgers man has been severely wounded on the Western front. He is Starr Gould Holly, of the class of 1921, and the son of I. M. Holly '89. According to the meagre details we have at hand, he volunteered to take one of fourteen motor trucks to the firing line. The trucks were shelled by a German battery and a big majority of the drivers killed. Holly was found unconscious and taken to Base Hospital No. 8, suffering from shell shock. From last reports, he was doing well, and is expected home within a month or two. It is a strange coincidence that he was sent to Hospital No. 8, where so many of our Rutgers men are stationed.

The grim tragedy of war was brought very close to us on Sunday, June 9th. Walter D. Reese, of the class of 1916, a sergeant of the 35th Engineers, Camp Dix, committed suicide while on a leave of absence at his home in Westfield, N. J. He had just recovered from a severe attack of measles, and is believed to have been temporarily deranged.

Most of you remember 'Red' Reese. He was the kind of fellow one doesn't forget easily; whole-hearted, clean, pleasant, as honest as the day is long, and a good friend. The College has lost a loyal son by his death.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

July 3, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXIII.

I don't think that being a Major General in the Army is any harder work than running a college War Service Bureau. It is almost impossible to keep track of the scores of changes among our Rutgers men every week, and the only way we can do it with any degree of success is to depend upon your cooperation. It only costs two cents and only takes a minute or so to write your new address on a postal and forward it to the college. Surely the service letters are worth that much. I am sending a postal with this letter to all men whose addresses we are not certain of. If you will fill out the card and return it at once, it will reach us in time to send you the July Quarterly. Please DO IT NOW.

The Summer Session started yesterday. Most of you younger men know how it itis; the campus is transformed, and school teachers from all over the State have taken Rutgers unto themselves. The total enrollment is just above the four hundred mark, and there are very few men. College fellows who used to attend summer school to work off their conditions are conspicuous by their absence; most of them are in camps, or on the sea, or "over there."

We have 619 Rutgers men on our Honor Roll at present, and there are fifty or a hundred more at least whom we haven't been able to record as yet. Of those in active service, the classification is as follows: Major Generals 2, Brigadier General 1, Lieut. Colonels 4, Majors 10, Captains 33, 1st Lieutenants 80, 2nd Lieutenants 90, Officer Candidates 10, Students 64, Sergeants 33, Corporals 23, Privates 169, Chaplains 5, Y. M. C. A. men 17, active Red Cross workers 4, Surgeons 2, Ensigns 12, Petty Officers 15, Seaman 50, Yeoman 4. There are 535 men in the Army and 84 in the Navy. The class of 1916 leads with 73, 1917 and 1919 are tied for second with 60, and 1918 and 1920 are third with 58.

A new list of the Rutgers men who have registered at the American University

Union in Europe has just reached us. The list isn't^a/long one, and shows that most of you have neglected to take advantage of the Union. It's a splendid thing, and every Rutgers man should make an effort to visit it. If you can't get there personally, send your name and address to the Union, so that other Rutgers men in France may know where to look for you. The address is 8, Rue de Richelieu, Paris, France.

Since the latest service letter, one Rutgers man has been severely wounded and another has been killed in action. J. Brownlee Voorhees '96 a Y. M. C. A. worker, had his leg shattered by a shell on the western front early in June. He had charge of a hut, and refused to leave it in spite of the fact that it was continuously under fire.

The first Rutgers man to be killed in action is Lieut. James B. Scarr, of the class of 1916. He met death while in active service on the French front. Most of us knew Jimmy Scar; he was a varsity debater, a speaker of exceptional merit, the recitationist of the Glee Club. His life was filled with promise, and while we bow our heads in sorrow at his loss, we feel too that had he lived his three score years and ten, he could not have fulfilled that promise more gloriously.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

July 17, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXIV:

More than fifty men have written to the Service Bureau since the letter of July 3rd was mailed, and at least half of them have told us not only of themselves, but of other Rutgers men with whom they have been in contact. It is a splendid response to our appeal, and we at the college appreciate your loyal interest more than we can say. Our one hope is that you will continue the good work. How many of you will write to the Bureau before August 1st?

Things are dragging at the college just now, although the students in the Summer Session are having their usual Friday night dances and other affairs. The greatest activity seems to be in connection with the College for Women. Maybe you'd like to hear something about it.

The Women's College will be a department of the State University, but will have very little connection with Rutgers. Dr. Demarest will be president, our Board of Trustees will have supervision, and some of our professors will aid in the teaching. The Library and Museum, and some of the laboratories on the College Farm will be used by the girls. The Carpenter property, on George Street, has been leased for the Women's College and will constitute the main campus of eleven acres. The house of twenty rooms will be used for administration offices, classrooms, and possibly dormitories, and will be known as Recitation Hall. The former residence of Mr. Drury W. Cooper, across the street, has also been secured and will be used as a dormitory and dining hall.

The new college will be opened on September 18th and will admit only Freshmen. The courses offered include Liberal Arts, Teachers', Home Economics and Vocational, leading to degrees of A. B., Litt. B., and B. Sc. Mrs. Mabel S. Douglas has been appointed Dean, and Mrs. Elizabeth N. Greene, Registrar. The

regular faculty will be supplemented by the following professors and instructors from Rutgers: Bevier, Kirk, Davis, Logan, Dodge, Kimball, Wells, and McKinney. Already twenty-one girls have filed certificates of admission.

The list of Rutgers men who have died in the service grows longer with each succeeding month. The fourth to give his life for his country is Norman S. Bloodgood, of the class of 1921. He was an electrician on a submarine chaser, and while his vessel was cruising off the entrance to Chesapeake Bay he was washed overboard and drowned. He is the first undergraduate to make the big sacrifice; our youngest hero.

And now, as we are about to finish this letter, comes word of the death of Sherman L. Conklin '16, killed in action in France. It's hard, somehow, to write anything about Sherm. He was a winner of the Croix de Guerre, and as loyal a man as ever set foot upon the old Queen's Campus. Words fail us at a time like this; it is so sudden, so unbelievably sad, that we can only stand mute in the presence of death, and pay silent tribute to his memory.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

July 30, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE

LETTER XXV:

About 85% of the men in service have written letters to the Director of the Bureau, and we hope that before the war is over, the record will be one hundred per cent. Recently word has come from men who have drifted away from the college; we have not heard from them in a year or more, and the fact that they have taken the time to write in the stress and strain of war makes us feel that the Service letters are achieving their purpose. Let's have a hundred per cent loyalty list; every man a letter to his college.

This War Service Bureau costs a whole lot of money, and it may be of interest to know that the expense of its maintenance is being carried by members of the alumni body. Here is the list of alumni who have made possible the continuance of the Bureau: C. S. Aitken '80, J.V.N. Dorr '94, James L. Garabrant '01, John W. Herbert '72, Luther Laflin Kellogg '70, Leonor F. Loree '77, Leith. William H. Martin '12, John W. Mattler '99, Gustav Patz '17, Private William Patz '18, Robert C. Pruyn '69, Richard C. Rice '08, Robert H. Neilson '03, Prof. Ralph G. Wright, and Mr. John P. Wall. Altogether, these men have contributed \$562. In addition, the undergraduates have donated about \$100, and the Alumni Association is paying for the printing and mailing of the Alumni Quarterly. So you see it's rather a big work that the College is carrying on for her sons. How about it? It's worth a letter or two to the Bureau, isn't it?

News is scarce this week. The Summer School is still in session, and a good many college boys have been around the campus trying to get off some conditions; but they have gone now, and we haven't much with us but the heat. President Demarest will leave on August 1st for a well earned rest in the Catskills, and Dean Bevier is at his farm near Kingston, N. Y. Mr. Martin and Mr. Schneeweiss are downstairs puzzling over records and figures; and Mr. Osborn is still willing to

find books for whoever may need them. Most of the profs and away at the mountains and seashore. Howard Smith, who used to take money for term bills, etc., and George Weigel, who was the Registrar's right hand man, have both left the college offices and are at the Wright-Martin factory here in New Brunswick. But things are much the same; the college will still be the old Rutgers you know, when you come back again.

Two professors, Dr. Hauch and Mr. Twiss, and ten students are now taking a nine weeks' course at Plattsburg, and will be Assistants in the Military Department, appointed by the Secretary of War. The outlook for the entering class next year is fair, with eighty accepted applicants to date. This is behind the mark of July 1917, but the last minute rush may be a heavy one.

In the casualty list of July 24 appeared the name of Sergeant Michael M. Hershman, of the class of 1920. He is reported as severely wounded, but we have not received any details. Mike Hershman came to Rutgers from Erasmus Hall, Brooklyn, was drafted last fall, and left for France a few months ago with the 307th Infantry. We are sorry to hear of his injury, for he was one of the Service Bureau's best friends. Our last letter from him is dated June 2nd.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

War Service Bureau Letter XXVI (26) is missing from both the original letters and the copies made by Silvers.

September 19, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXVII:

This letter should have gone to you men a week ago, but so much has happened that it has been impossible to do anything except attack the immediate problem. And just now we are still attacking it.

Rutgers has been transformed into a war college. We have established a Students' Army Training Corps, the details of which are briefly as follows: All boys of eighteen or over may, on October 1, be voluntarily inducted into the Corps; If they pass the physical examination, they are then soldiers in the United States Army. The government pays their tuition, their board and room rent, supplies them with uniforms, and also gives them thirty dollars per month. They are officially listed as privates in the U. S. A.

The college, of course, has undergone a big change. In the first place, all members of the S. A. T. C. must live on the campus, thus doing away with commuting and town residences. In the second place, drill is held from 7:30 to 9:30 every morning except Saturday and Sunday, and everybody is required to take a special War Aims Course of three hours per week. Latin and Greek will be omitted this year and replaced by French and German. The college day will run from 7:30 until 4:30, with one hour set apart in the afternoon for recreation. Class distinction has been practically swept away; instead of being sophomores or freshmen, the boys are all soldiers.

We do not know how long men will be kept in college. It is probably that a group of from 100 to 200 will be withdrawn in December, another group in April, and a final group in June. Only a few men now in college will be here for longer than a year; and I imagine that as groups are withdrawn, other groups will be sent us from senior classes in secondary schools.

Football is still undecided, but it is fairly certain that we will

have a varsity team. And you ought to see that team! On Monday afternoon, which was the time of the first practice, Sandy sent eleven men on the field and told Baker to give the signals. In another minute they were sweeping along in true midseason form. Here was the line-up: Breckley and Robeson, ends; Feitner, and Hummel, tackles; (Hummel is a former All-State and from Newark); Neuschaefer and Rollins, guards; Francke, center; Baker, quarterback; Kelley and Gardner, halfbacks; and Somerill, full-back. With two exceptions that's the team which taught Cupid Black how to play football in Brooklyn last year.

The present schedule is a good one, including games with Ursinus, Lehigh, Lafayette, Fordham, Colgate, and West Virginia; but we may have to make some changes. It is the policy of the government to arrange games with colleges within a distance of seventy-five miles of each other, which would mean the cancellation of the Colgate and West Virginia contests, and the substitution of possibly Princeton, Columbia, N. Y. U., or Stevens. That will have to adjust itself when our Commanding Officer arrivess He had his staff are expected at any moment.

I hope you men will understand why this letter is so short and so long delayed. Most of us here are working night and day to adjust things; my job is to find rooms for five hundred boys. Our Freshman class numbers 265, and our study body about 500.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

October 14, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE

LETTER XXVIII:

In the pictorial section of a New York newspaper yesterday was a snapshot of a Yankee soldier about to mail a German helmet to his relatives in the United States. Maybe by this time, some of you have mailed similar trophies to the War Service Bureau. And maybe you haven't. But at any rate, there ought to be a lot of German relics hanging around loose just now. Our collection needs some additions. How many of you are willing to help out?

We need more letters, too. Offhand, I'd say that about 95% of the men in service have written to us, but there are a few who have continued to put it off. If they don't watch out, the war will be over and their chances lost. There are some other men who haven't written us in quite a while. If you find an envelope with this bulletin, you'll know that a letter is due from you. And if there isn't any envelope, it means that we're hoping very earnestly that you write us anyhow.

But you want to hear about the college, don't you? We opened on September 17th with an enrollment of 504, divided as follows: Seniors 46, Juniors 66, Sophomores 117, Freshmen 275. Until October 1, we went along in our regular way, but there was a good deal of confusion concerning rooms, and even more in regard to courses of study. But on October 1 the S. A. C. T. was formally established, and we became a war college. Then things began to happen.

First Lieutenant James C. Torpey arrived as Commanding Officer, and with him came six "shave-tail lieutenants" from Plattsburg. That's what you call them, isn't it? Lieutenant Torpey seems to be a "regular feller" all the way through; he has been in the National Guard since 1913, and is connected with the 50th U. S. Infantry. Before coming to Rutgers he was adjutant at the Plattsburg Training Camp. His college is Villa Nova. He has handled a big task in an efficient and able manner, and has the military work on a firm footing.

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in order to be ready for camp training by January 1. This group takes Military Law and Practice, Surveying and Map-making, Camp Sanitation and Hygiene, and either French or German. The younger men follow a more general course this quarter, and will take the special course in either January or April. Students in all technical courses are given intensive work in their chosen field, almost to the exclusion of other subjects. So it goes on. Probably 150 boys will leave in December, another group in April, and other in June. Their places will be taken by men from camps or from secondary schools. Only a few of the best qualified technical men will be here for any length of time.

College life is practically a thing of the past, although when the football team is able to play again, conditions may change. The Targum is being published in rather abridged form, but all other organizations have been discontinued. Even Chapel is no more.

Our varsity football team romped through Ursinus for a 66 to 0 victory on September 28, but since that time there has been no one to play. The October 5th date was unfilled, and the game scheduled with Lafayette for the 12th was cancelled because of the influenza epidemic. The college is in quarantine; and S. A. T. C. men are not even permitted to leave the campus. We are scheduled to play Lehigh next Saturday, and there are rumors of a game with the University of Pennsylvania on the 26th, but nothing definite is known at the present time. Our team is a wonder, too; with nine veterans and two worthy substitutes. But we seem to be all dressed up and nowhere to go.

Another Rutgers man has been killed in action. Chapin C. Barr '18, a lieutenant in the First Marine Aviation Detachment, lost his life on September 28th when flying over the German lines. Not details have reached us. You younger men remember "Dick" Barr. He was a diver on the swimming team, and a member of Zeta Psi. He was the type of young manhood we are glad to associate with Rutgers, and his loss is hard to bear.

The Director of the Service Bureau only received three letters this morning. Surely we can beat that record. Let's all write some more.

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

November 6, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXIX:

The War Service Bureau is getting ambitious. The goal of our desire is no longer a German helmet, but something infinitely bigger and more difficult to secure. What we want is a "Big Bertha"; and if we have to send a special messenger to Europe to pick one up upon some deserted battlefield, we're going to do it. But with four hundred Rutgers men already in France, the special agent probably won't be necessary.

A few days ago, I was talking with a Rutgers man who is never too busy to stop all work when the college comes up for discussion. "You tell General Castner, or Colonel Parrott, or some of our other high officers over there, that the college won't be satisfied with anything less than the biggest German cannon captured by the American Army. We want to fasten it in concrete to the old Queen's Campus in order to show the generations to come that the present generation of Rutgers men did its part in winning the greatest war that the world has ever known. If one of our soldiers will lay the cannon aside ~~aside~~ somewhere until the war is over, I'll pay to have it shipped to New Brunswick." How about it, some of you Generals, and Colonels, and Majors? There isn't a single thing in this war too good for Rutgers, is there?

Speaking of something good, you ought to see our football team. We've played twice since the last letter was written; and we've won twice, but the first game was a pretty dubious affair all through.

Robeson, Kelley, Gardner, and Baker had been under the weather for a week. We had expected to play Lehigh on Saturday, October 18th, but both colleges were quarantined and the game was off. So, just for practice, Sandy decided to take on the eleven from Pelham Bay Naval Training Station. But it proved to be one of the hardest games we have had during the past two years. The Rutgers

team wasn't going well, and the visitors proved to be both fast and husky. For three quarters they held us to a scoreless tie; and it looked very much as if we were in for a panning from every newspaper in New York. But we came to life in the last quarter, and with only about two minutes to play, Baker squeezed over the line for a touchdown, and we won, 7 to 0. Pelham didn't have an All-American, either; but they sure could play football.

Sandy got busy the next week, and that little locker room in the basement of the gym was the scene of some eloquent remarks. Under the inspiration of this eloquence, the team began to find itself; and when it was announced on Wednesday that Lehigh was coming to New Brunswick on October 26 Captain Feitner and the others hitched up their belts and cleared decks for action. Lehigh, with nine of last year's team still in college, and led by Wysocki, a player of no ordinary ability, arrived in town, grimly confident of victory. Their grimness remained, but all semblance of confidence left them after the first five minutes of play. Rutgers scored one touchdown in the first quarter; one in the second; three in the third; and one in the fourth. When the smoke of battle cleared away, the count was 39 to 0. The game showed the Rutgers team beginning to find itself, the line and backfield moving together like clockwork, the defense compact, the offense almost irresistible. Corporal Robbison, who can reach a forward pass ten feet in the air, twice charged through the entire Lehigh team; and Corporal Kelley, veteran of many gridiron battles, dodged and twisted his way through open fields for a dozen brilliant runs. It was a regular football game, with a touch of the old college spirit which we have come to associate with autumn days on Neilson Field.

We're going to play two games this week; Charlie Brickley's Port of Embarkation team is coming to New Brunswick on Election Day, and on Saturday we will make our only trip of the season to play Penn State in the wilds of Western Pennsylvania. After that, we don't know what's going to happen. The West Virginia game is in doubt and November 23rd is open. But Rutgers is willing to play anyone anywhere--- and we'll have to let it go at that.

College work has settled down to the monotony of military regime. We were in quarantine for three weeks, and the students couldn't even go downtown for a hair cut. Long faces, with homesick expressions, were very much in evidence, especially during week-ends. But now the quarantine is lifted, and things are better.

Class spirit has been superseded by company spirit; there are no rushes, and the old war-cry "Give a yell, Freshmen" is conspicuous by its absence. The uniforms for our soldiers have not arrived yet, but in spite of this, the campus has taken on a distinctly military atmosphere. The call of the bugle is common, and at this moment the snappy command of the top sergeant of Company A comes up to me. "The Old order changeth, giving place to new..."

Three Rutgers men have died of pneumonia since our last letter, and a report has come to us of the death in action of a fourth. Lieutenant Rudolph Elmer '17, Captain Bertram Shivler '04, and Seaman Henry Hanson '20 have died in service. Captain William H. Hudson '15 has been killed in action; We have now thirteen gold stars on our service flag.

Seven Rutgers men have been wounded; Lieutenant 'Squirrel' Hutchinson '16, Sergeant Walt Farley '16, and Lieutenant Tone Overton '13, wounded in the leg; Private Harold Letts '20, wounded in the arm; Private Ronald Acken '16, gassed; Corporal George W. Winslow '15 and private G. S. Voorhees '20, details not known. If you men should hear of any Rutgers soldiers who have been wounded, we shall be very grateful for information.

The Alumni Quarterly will come out within the next two or three weeks. Because of postal regulations, it is impossible to send the magazine to all men in service; but we are trying to collect enough money from our alumni to cover subscriptions for our boys in France. You men in camp will have to subscribe, I guess; it only costs a dollar, and surely it's worth a good deal more than that. We have only a limited edition, so send your dollar in right away. There are 1,165 Rutgers men in service.

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

November 28, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXX:

Since our last letter, on November 6, the blessing of peace has come to a war-weary world. And in a short time, thank God, there will be no more casualty lists, no more Rutgers boys among those who have made the last supreme sacrifice.

The new order of things means a big change to the college. Only this morning, we were advised by telegram that the Students' Army Training Corps will be discontinued on December 21. On January 2, when the new term begins, the college will be back on its former footing. It is hard to say just how the return to normal conditions will effect our enrollment. The boys will be forced to pay their own expenses again, and it is probable that a fairly large number will drop out. If there are three hundred students here by the end of the present scholastic year, we will be doing well.

But the fall of 1919 should see the resumption of the growth and progress of Rutgers, which was interrupted by the war. We want every single one of you to come back on January 2nd. It is probable that credit will be given for your government service and that you will be able to complete the year with your classmates who have remained in college. The Director of the Bureau will be pleased to answer any questions or give any aid in regard to release from service and entrance into college.

Very little has happened here on the campus during the past month. After a recent catastrophe to our varsity eleven, I hesitate to say much about football. However, bad news must be included with the good. On Election Day, we continued our triumphant march, winning from Charlie Brickley's Port of Embarkation team 40 to 0, and Rutgers was acclaimed by the New York press as one of the greatest teams of all time. The next Saturday we journeyed to Penn State, and in spite of the fact that our men were in poor condition, we won the

easily 28 to 3. And then a contest was arranged with the eleven from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, to be played at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, the scene of our great triumph over Cupid Black's Newport Reserves last year. The contest was looked upon as the season's classic.

Practically the entire student body attended the game, and for the first twenty-five minutes, there was plenty to yell about. Our team worked to perfection, tearing off five and ten yards at a time until we had gathered fourteen points and the game looked like a walkaway. And then something happened. Paddy Driscoll, a former All-American player from some Western University, caught a punt and ran through our entire team for a touchdown. Less than five minutes later he did the same thing again. He is the most brilliant football player I have ever seen. Great Lakes missed one try for goal, however, and the first half ended 14 to 13 in our favor. Those of us who had followed the team figured that we would come back strong in the second half and win out in a guelling finish. But we were wrong. When play was resumed, the Westerners developed an attack which tore gaping holes in our line; there was no stopping them, and the game became a rout. We were beaten 54 to 14.

We are not attempting to make an excuse for the defeat, but the reason for the utter rout of our men was lack of condition. There is no training table this year, and there have been no scrimmages. The team is still one of the best in the country--- the first half of the Great Lakes game showed that--- but the players were not in shape to stand the pounding of a hard and close game. The endurance and stamina usually developed by hours of practice on Neilson Field was lacking.

On Saturday, we are going to play Syracuse on the Polo Grounds, New York. The team has been given some extra afternoon hours in which to practice, and yesterday there were enough men out to hold scrimmage. The players are undoubtedly in better shape than they were two weeks ago, and we are all looking for a victory. The Syracuse game ends a season which promised exceptional things.

There is no other news, but there are several things which the Director has been trying to ring in for the past four months. The first has to do with the

American University Union in Europe. We must have more Rutgers registrants, less than a hundred men having registered so far. If you cannot visit the Union personally, you can at least register by mail. I am enclosing postal cards in the hope that all of you will write your name, college, class, company and regiment on the back and mail them as soon as possible. Surely we do not want Rutgers to fall behind other colleges which are members of the Union.

Now that demobilization has started, our men in camps will begin their return to civil life, and those in Europe will join the stream of soldiers who are coming home again. But we do not want to lose track of you; it is our hope that we may keep every man on our list until he is mustered out of service. Enclosed is a second card. Will you please advise us as soon as any change is made in your station?

And we want another thing. Our collection of war relics in the Library is by no means complete, and very few things have come to us during the last few weeks. But now that you have more time to yourselves, I do hope that you will remember the War Service Bureau. We have set as a goal, one hundred new souvenirs within the next two months, not counting the "Big Bertha" mentioned in our last letter. Will you men help out; a helmet or two, some buttons, shoulder straps, or any other of the thousands of things you must see every day. It is a real service you may perform for the college.

The letters, too, have been rather few and far between lately. Why not all of you in the United States write to the Bureau on December 1st, and all of you in Europe on December 30th. We'll make them college Letter Days. Let's mark them on the calender now. Write us about the peace celebration in the places you found yourselves on the day the armistice was signed, about what happened in the trenches on that memorable day; and if any of you are in occupied Germany territory, write a long letter about it. Such letters will be invaluable in later years.

Three deaths have been reported to us recently: Lieutenant Reimer Shearman '17, Private Harold Anshen '14, and Lieutenant Harvey C. Robins '07. Official

announcement had also been made of the death of Corporal George W. Winslow '15, but it is possible, in view of later word, that he had been injured and not killed in action, and we are hoping for the best.

The future of the War Service Bureau is rather uncertain just now. But the letters will be continued for a time at least, and we are planning for a big reunion sometime in June. Are you coming?

EARL REED SILVERS,

DIRECTOR.

December 19, 1918.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER XXXI:

To you men who are not in France or England, this is the last service letter. Many of you have already returned to civilian life, and of those still in camp, the big majority expect to be mustered out within the next few weeks. If there are any who purpose to remain in the service and who wish to continue to receive these letters, a word to the Director will keep your name on our list.

Things have been rather quiet around college since the ending of the football season. Probably you have heard about the Syracuse game by this time; we were beaten 21 to 0. But we who saw the game are inclined to feel that Hard Luck rather than the superior work of our opponents was the cause of the defeat. The two teams seemed to be fairly evenly matched; but Rutgers made nine or ten first downs to Syracuse's two, and was continually forcing the play. Twice in the first half, however, and once in the second, a Syracuse forward took advantage of a slip on the part of our men, and three touchdowns were the result. In the first quarter, an inside kick landed squarely in the arms of an opposing tackle, who ran seventy yards for a score. Ten minutes later a blocked punt caused a repetition of the same thing; and in the third quarter one of our halfbacks fumbled a pass from center, and again^a/Syracuse man was waiting to rush thirty yards over the goal line. It was one of those unsatisfactory contests, with the Rutgers team not quite strong enough to force the issue. But the boys played a hard, fighting game and deserved more than was their portion.

The basketball team has started practice, but no schedule has as yet been announced. Captain Neuschaefer, Robeson, Meury, Kelly, and Breckley, of last year's letter winners, are still eligible, so the team should be a good one.

Frank Hill has again been engaged as coach.

On Saturday, December 4th, the S. A. T. C. of Rutgers College formally passed out of existence, after a rather dubious career. In a good many ways the plan wasn't altogether satisfactory, proving the already recognized truth that two things can't be done at once and done well. It is good to get back to the old ways again.

With the beginning of the second term on January 2nd, the student body will number about 330, apportioned as follows: 45 Seniors, 55 Juniors, 80 Sophomores, 150 Freshmen. The former order of work will be resumed, with a slight change in daily schedule, i.e., first class at 8.00 oclock, and Chapel at 12.00. The day ends at 4.30.

That is all the news. A number of men have dropped in for a word with the Director during the past two weeks, and it has beengood to see them. But letters have been scarce and souvenirs even scarcer. We must not forget our collection of war relics.

To you men whom it has been my pleasure to serve ever so slightly during the past year and more, I send the best wishes of the Christmas season. May the future bring you all success and happiness. Good luck to you!

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

January 15, 1919.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:
LETTER 32.

You would think, wouldn't you, that with 350 Rutgers men in various parts of France, the college would have received more than two souvenirs during the past six weeks. But she hasn't; all that has come to light is a piece of German camouflage and a Thanksgiving menu. Unless a miracle happens and you men suddenly get busy, our collection in the Library isn't going to fulfill the promise of its early days. Princeton University has, I understand, over one thousand war relics in its library. Rutgers still needs to pass the hundred mark. How about it, men?

The second term began on January 2nd, with an enrollment slightly over the 400 mark. We lost about 75 S.A.T.C. men, but a number of our former students returned from service, and things were fairly well balanced. The old campus is again normal.

Most of the students are still wearing their military uniforms- the kind that is given away and that sags down in back. There was no way, of course, of distinguishing Freshmen from other classmen, so the Sophs conceived the bright idea of having the first year student wear bright yellow tags about six inches square. The tags must always be in evidence; on their face is printed the name and prep school of the wearer. Besides this article of adornment, the Freshies also wear green ribbons tied around their right arms. The proclamation rush was held last week, with the usual general melee at the finish; and every so often some one calls "Give a yell, Freshmen," and a grand rush follows outside of Chapel. It's just like old times again.

The fraternities, with the exception of the Ivy Club, have gone back into their houses; basketball has started, and the routine of college work continues as in former years. Lieutenant James P. Torpey, who was our commanding officer, has left for Susquehanna University to be Professor of Military Science, and Captain Caldwell has come to Rutgers to take charge of our work. The Captain is a young fellow, pleasant and courteous, with a good deal of ability. He is busy at present organizing the R.O.T.C.

The basketball team, composed to Boudinot, a Freshman, Robeson, Neuschafer, French and Meury, defeated N.Y.U. in New York last Saturday 19 to 18. We have a game with Princeton this month, but the rest of the scheduel has not been announced.

It is very hard these days to keep track of you men. As soon as you reach this country, will you please drop a line to the college and let us know. And try to come for a brief chat. Ensign Monk Austin '16 is the first Rutgers man from France to make his appearance. It was good to see him.

Twenty-one Rutgers men have given their lives for the nation. We are planning a memorial service in the Kirkpatrick Chapel sometime in February. Our college service flag now has 1199 stars.

EARL REED SILVERS?

DIRECTOR.

February 10, 1919.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE.

LETTER XXXIII:

On Sunday, February 16th, the college is going to hold a Memorial Service in the Chapel for those Rutgers men who have their lives during the war. I wonder if you in France know who they are. Here is the list: J. Brownlee Voorhees '96, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, died of wounds; Lieut. Harvey C. Robins '07, Sergt. Joyce Kilmer '08, Corp. George W. Winslow '15, Private Sherman L. Conklin '16, Lieut. James B. Scarr '16, Lieut. Reimer Shearman '17, Lieut. Chapin C. Barr '18, Lieut. Byron P. Crocker '18, killed in action; Seaman Chester C. Cumberley '20 and Electrician Norman S. Bloodgood '21, drowned in service; Capt. Bertram F. Shvler '04, Cadet Harold N. Halsted '16, Sergt. Walter D. Reese '16, Lieut. Rudolph Elmer '17, Sergt. Morris B. Jackson '19, Seaman Harry M. Hansen '20, Private Leo D. Franken '22, and Lieut. Herbert O. Tilton '20, died in service. Unconfirmed reports have been received of the death in action of Private Harold Anshen '14 and Capt. William J. Hudson '15, Chaplain Daniel S. Smart, who was our Y. M. C. A. Secretary in 1916-17, has also been killed in action. A new silk service flag, with twenty gold stars, has been hung in the Kirkpatrick Chapel.

Two more Rutgers men have received the Croix de Guerre, Aspirant Joseph L. Costa '19, of the French Army; and Sergeant Joyce Kilmer '08. The latter is a posthumous award. Captain E. Brooks Simmons '13, Captain Chalmers W. T. Overtone '13, and Lieut. S. Phillips Savage '19, have been cited; and Lieut. Hugh S. Gaffney '13 has been awarded the Italian Service Stripe. So, the old college continues its increasing pride in the achievements of her sons. The war record Rutgers has made is a remarkable one. We have definite word of 1201 men in the service, of whom over fifty per cent have been commissioned. I doubt if any college in the country can equal us.

There is going to be a big Rutgers night on Thursday of this week. Coach Sanford will be the main speaker, with Captain Jesse B. Leslie '13 and Captain Francis J. Scarr '17 to back him up. There will be songs and cheers and a good old get-together meeting. Fanny Scarr, by the way, has completely recovered from the wound in his face.

Our basketball team continues to do itself credit, although we met with a severe reverse Friday night at the hands of Princeton. Although we led in the first half, 11 to 4, and at one time held the upper hand by a 20 to 11 count, we were nosed out in a driving finish, after five minutes of overtime play. It was the best game ever held in the Ballantine gym, however. Leaving out Princeton, we have had a splendid season, defeating N. Y. U., Colgate, and Manhattan. Next Saturday we are going to ^{Yale} play at New Haven.

That is all the news. The college is going along smoothly, with an enrollment of some 420 wild Indians. The baseball and track schedules are in process of formation, and it looks as though we would have a good team in each sport. The Targum comes out every week with the same old stuff, and the Junior class has decided to issue a Scarlet Letter.

I hope that all you men are planning to come to New Brunswick on Monday, June 9th, which is tentatively set for a big war reunion day. But before you come, be sure to send a souvenir. We are still waiting for them to arrive.

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

March 11, 1919.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE
LETTER 34:

A month has gone by since the last service letter, but the Director of the Bureau and his family have all had the influenza, which accounts for the long delay. And in the meantime, the college has gone along as usual.

The basketball season was concluded on Saturday night with a victory over Lehigh, making our record for the year six victories and three defeats. The complete list is as follows: Rutgers 18, N.Y.U. 15; Rutgers 21, Princeton 28; Rutgers 37, Colgate 21; Rutgers 49, Manhattan 11; Rutgers 20, Princeton 22; Rutgers 24, Yale 29; Rutgers 44, West Virginia 22; Rutgers 29, Swarthmore 19, Lehigh 20. Leaving out Yale and Princeton, the season was one round of victories; but the three defeats were all close ones and the Rutgers boys covered themselves with credit. During the first few games, the teams were composed of French and Boudinet, both Freshmen, forwards; Roberson, center; Captain Neuschafer and Meury, guards. Just before the Yale game, the marks were announced and our two Freshmen members dropped out for the remainder of the season, being replaced by Taliaferro and Rice. The latter combination was not quite so strong as the original five.

On next Friday and Saturday there is going to be a State Championship High School Basketball Tournament in the Ballantine Gym. the college had invited the four strongest high school teams in the State to play for the championship at Rutgers, and the Rutgers Club of Newark has offered silver plaque for the winner. Atlantic City

Passaic, Trenton, and Union Hill are the contenders. Two games will be played on Friday night, and the championship game on Saturday afternoon. The members of the four teams will be the guests of the undergraduates and will be entertained at the several fraternity houses. In this way, about forty of the leading basketball players for the State will spend a week-end at Rutgers. It is hoped that the affair will become an annual event, somewhat like the interscholastic debating program.

The Junior Promenade, with all the usual frills, was held in the gymnasium on the evening of February 22. The dance was a success in every particular, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Several of our men from overseas were present, including Lieut. Skeets Segue, Captains Fanny Scarr, Cope Herbert, and Jomey Taylor, and Sergeants Don Storck and Joe Herben.

The baseball and track teams are going to start outdoor practice soon, and already the tennis courts are being put into shape. Prospects for good teams in all these sports are bright. Something of an innovation in the lines of athletics has been adopted; Fred Heitkamp, of the class of 1917, has been engaged as graduate manager and will also be our Alumni Field Secretary. It will be good to have Heity back at the college again.

That's all the news. Our appeals for souvenirs have not met with a very generous response. Can't we have some more from you men who are trying to find something to do with yourselves?

EARL REED SILVERS.

DIRECTOR

March 31, 1919.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:
LETTER 35:

There are still over 200 Rutgers men in France, and until the majority of them return, the service letters will continue. But you men who do come back will confer a great favor on the Service Bureau by notifying us as soon as possible after you reach the U.S.A.

The college is starting on its third term, informal examinations having been held last week. About twenty students were stuck out, with twenty more placed upon probation for six weeks. Among those who left us were Rollins, football guard, and French, substitute quarterback in football and forward on the basketball team.

Speaking of basketball, an inter-fraternity league has just been concluded. The twelve fraternities and the Neutrals were assigned to one of three leagues, the winners in each being Zeta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, and the Neutrals. In the deciding games for the championship, Zeta Psi came out ahead. The gym is now giving way to Neilson Field as the scene of athletic activity. The end of the winter season was signified by the holding of the Intercollegiate Swimming Championships. Lefurgy, of Rutgers, tied for first place in the plunge for distance, sharing the championship in this event with Elderkin of Yale. Captain Lukens finished fourth in the 100 yard dash, and Al Sherwin took a fourth place in the fancy drive.

The track team has started outdoor work, with excellent prospects of a good record. Of last year's varsity men,

Captain Bellerjeau, Breckley, Summerill, Robeson, Feitner, Barbehem, Oxley, Farley, Perry, and Rice are still in college.

The baseball team is also well equipped for a hard season, with the following varsity letter winners; Robeson, Berg, and Rice; catchers, Whitehill, Kelley, Captain Weller and Taliaferro, infielders; Baker, outfielder. The big job of Coach General Cox is to find a pitcher of the usual high standard. The prospects in this line are by no means bright. The scheduel follows: April 5, C.C.N.Y. at home; April 12, N.Y.U. at home; April 16, West Point, away; April 25, Syracuse at home; May 2, Swarthmore away; May 9, West Virginia at home; May 16, Union away; May 17, Hamilton away; May 21, Stevens at home; May 24, Fordham away; May 30, Crescent A.C. away; May 31, Georgetown at home; June 7, Stevens away; June 9, Princeton at home. The big game of the scheduel is that with Princeton which will be played at Neilson Field on the Monday before Commencement.

That is all the college news. This week we received word that William G. Gray, '20 had died in France of pneumonia. Bill was center on the football team and varsity baseball pitcher. He was a boy of real promise, and his death is a big shock to all of us.

EARL REED SILVERS

DIRECTOR

May 15th, 1919.

TO THE RUTGERS MEN IN SERVICE:

LETTER 36:

Because this is the last service letter, I am sending it to every man who has been on the War Service mailing list. It signified the end of what has been to me one of the most pleasant experiences of my life. I think that I would rather have been the Director of the Bureau than a United States Senator.

The purpose of this communication is to tell you about plans for this year's Commencement. The date of the Commencement exercises, with the President's Reception, Alumni Collation, etc., is Tuesday, June 10th. But MONDAY, JUNE 9th, which has been set aside as WAR SERVICE DAY, is the time when we want you men especially to be back. In the morning, the usual Class Day Exercises will be held in the Gymnasium and on the Queens Campus. At 2:30 oclock in the afternoon, there will be a baseball game on Neilson Field between Rutgers and Princeton, preceded by a parade which will form in front of Winants at 2:00 oclock. At six oclock a WAR SERVICE DINNER will be held in the Ballantine Gymnasium at a cost of two dollars per plate. Classes will sit together and after the dinner there will be informal class reunions in designated places. If you want to stay overnight, let us know and we will find a place for you. But come, whatever else you do. We are counting on the return of five hundred service men.

Arrangements have been completed for what we hope will be a unique event in the history of Rutgers. It is something you cannot afford to miss. Because I am anxious to know just how many of you will be back, a card is enclosed with this letter. Even if you have already sent in another card, will you please fill out this second one. It is probably the last thing the War Service Bureau will ask you to do.

A number of alumni have suggested that all service men wear their uniforms on Monday and Tuesday. If it is agreeable, we would like to have you do so; but you can, of course, do whatever you think best about it. Still, it would give a picturesqueness to Commencement which would be ⁱⁿ keeping with the idea of War Service.

Before closing, I want to say just a word about our war relics. The collection is not so good as we had thought to have it, and it has occurred to me if every one of you who have returned will bring or send us one souvenir from your personal collection, it will be a splendid help. Surely you can do that for the college.

We are anxious, too, to have pictures of you in uniform, both for the collection at the Library and for reproduction in the War Book which is in the course of preparation. If, by the way, you have not sent in your complete service record, will you please do so at once.

I hope to see you all at Commencement time; but if I do not, may I take occasion to wish you success and happiness, and that contentment which comes from work well done.

EARL REED SILVERS,
DIRECTOR.

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To the Rutgers Men

of the War Service!

Your Alma Mater with high expectation waits to welcome you on the old campus. You have been serving your country in strong and splendid way, devoting every power to the cause of justice, truth and mercy in a world-wide conflict. Trustees and Faculty, fellow-graduates and fellow students have counted your devotion and sacrifice a gift also of the college itself to the great enterprise and have gloried in the greatness and patriotic fruitfulness of Rutgers. We have watched you all along the line and held always aloft a banner of pride in all courage and endurance. In our utmost sorrow for those who have fallen we have been proud of their last great sacrifice, that they kept the faith as, having fought their fight, they finished their course. In honor of them, in the joy of national triumph and in loyal love of old Queen's we gather at Commencement time!

W. H. S. Demarest,

President.

May 15th, 1919.