MR. ARCHIBALD K. DOUGLAS
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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October 25th. 1917.

Mr. Archibald K. Douglas.

Newark, N.J.

My dear Mr. Donglas:-

Mr. Martin, our Registrar, has referred your letter of October 23rd. to me. I am enclosing two letters which are more or less self explanatory. We have about 350 Rutgers men in active service. The first thing we did was to send a circular letter to all alumi asking for the names of Rutgers men who are doing their bit. Having secured the names, we wrote to the men directly asking for their permanent address. About fifty percent of these men answered and in order to find out the permanent addresses of those who did not reply, we sent to the mothers or fathers the enclosed circular letter which I am numbering 1. About seventy five percent of the addresses were obtained in this way and we now have practically ninety percent of the addresses of Rutgers men serving their country. We then sent out the enclosed letter No 2 which explains the purpose of the bureau and outlines our plan of campaign. We have all the address cards indexed and at once note any change of location. We are also planning to send Christmas packages

to send to the boys who can not get home during vacation.

If there is any other information I can give you

I shall be most pleased to do so.

Very sincerely yours.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

NEWARK, October 26, 1917.

Dr. William H. Demarest, President, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Major Philander Betts, our former Chief Engineer, who is now Major in the Corps of Engineers, United States Reserve, stationed in the office of the Division of Cantonment Construction, Quartermaster's Department, Fifteenth and M Streets, Washington, D. C., in which he writes as follows:

"Any civil engineers that you know who are looking for employment can be referred to me and if you do refer any, have them send a complete statement of education and experience in the letter addressed to me."

Inasmuch as Rutgers College has a very large number of graduated Civil Engineers, I send this to you to use in any manner you may see fit.

Yours very truly,

Acting Chief Inspector, Utilities Division.



## TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Asbury Park, N. J.
(POST-OFFICE ADDRESS)

Nevember 17,1917

Rutger's College

New Brunswick, N.J.

- 1. The Assistant Recruiting Officer of the Cast Guard, Roo 206 Federal Building, Asbury Park, N.J. has been informed that a competative examination, for the appointment of cadets of the line, and cadet engineers in the United States Coast Guard will be held in several of the principal cities during the week beginning December 17,1917.
- 2. A person to be eligible for appointment must be of good moral character, physically sound, not less than 5ft.6in. in height, not less than 18 of more than 24 years of age for a cadet of the line; nor less than 20 or more than 25 years of age for cadet engineer.
- 3. The standard of the examination is practically the same as that required for entrance to the Military Academy at West Point; the subjects are Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Spelling, U.S. History, Physics, Composition, English Literature, one of three Languages, French, German or Spanish, and General Information.
- 4. The course of instruction at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, is three years for a cadet of the line, and
  one year for cadet engineer; line cadets receive \$500.00
  per annum, and cadet engineers \$75.00 per month during the

academic course, those who successfully pass the cadet course are Commissioned as Third Lieutenants, at \$1700.00 per annum, which rank corresponds with that of a Second Lieutenant in the Army, and Ensign in the Navy, and places the graduate in the line of promaction, which is governed by seniority of service.

- 3. This opening affords an excellent opportunity for any capable young man to become a commissioned officer of the Naval Force of the United States, with all attendant advantages.
- 6. Any additional information concerning this examination can be secured upon application to the Captain Commandant Coast Guard, Washington, D.C., The Recruiting Officer, Room 234 Battery Barge Office, New York City, or the Assistant Recruiting Officer, Asbury Park, N.J.

7. It is requested that the above matter be given all the publicity that the rules of your Institution will allow.

Respectfully,

Assistant Recruiting Officer,

United States Coast Guard.

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February 5, 1918

Wm. H. S. Demarest, President, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The above League -- organized solely for patriotic purposes-- has been requested to coordinate its activities with those of the War Department. In furtherance thereof arrangements have been made by which its information in regard to foreign-speaking soldiers, and the best ways and means of reaching the same, may be put at the service of the Government.

As part and parcel of the machinery which we are recommending in this connection, it has seemed to us wise to plan for the utilization of foreign-born college men- ( who after training camp-service have received commissions as officers )- who speak other languages than English, and who should be sympathetically attached to the foreign group to which they are related.

If without too much trouble you can provide us with the names of graduates or students of Rutgers College- answering the above description- who are either now, or who will be, serving in the Armyit will be a service of exceeding value, and we trust will open a new field of opportunity for the University to make itself felt in this time of stress.

You will be pleased to know that the authorities in Washington are fully alive to the fact that hundreds of thousands of foreign-born men, either already or who will shortly be drafted, know but little of the principles of our democracy, and are open to disloyal influence. They are determined to find channels through which these recruits and soldiers can be reached - taught the fundamental things which lie at the basis of our liberty- and enthused with zeal for the Cause.

If the ends now in mind can be secured, it will not only help to eliminate enemy intrigue within the Army, but will remove the sort of half-heartsdness on the part of foreign-born American soldiers which may cause serious disaffection in the face of the enemy.

Reference above is to officers only. We shall also appreciate data regarding drafted men identified with the University, who speak other languages than English. In this instance we shall be glad to know if there is any reason why the soldier should not be used as a medium for stimulating patriotism.

Yours very truly,

DCB/KTB

February 25, 1918.

Mr. D. Chamcey Brewer,

North American Civic League for Immigrants,

173 State Street,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of February 5th, to President Demarest, I would say that we do not know of any graduates or students of Rutgers College who might be eligible for work you speak of.

Very truly yours,

## 17 Webster Place, East Orange, N.J.

Room 1608, 90 West St., New York City. March 15, 1918.

E.R.Silvers, Esq., Rutgers War Service Bureau, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Dear Brother Silvers:

Brother Nelson advises me that you have considerable information which will be valuable for the War Issue of the Record, to be published about May 1st.

I should greatly appreciate your sending me same at your earliest convenience, if it has not already been sent to Bro. Eisenbrey, in reply to Bro. Stillman's letter of January 11th to the secretaries of the Chapters.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Paul Gerhard

February 5, 1918.

Mr. R. Howard Eisenbrey, 2 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Eisenbrey: -

At the suggestion of Mr. H.H.

Neilson, I am sending you a list of the Epsilon men in service; also an article by Brother Malph P. White which you may care to use in the War Record. I can, if necessary, give you the addresses of most of the men on the list, and possibly find a letter or so from some of them which may be of interest.

Wishing you all success, I am Sincerely yours,

295, South Prospect Street,

Burlington, Vermont,

July 11, 1918

## UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT BURLINGTON, VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF GREEK

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
New Brunswick, N.J.,
My dear Mr. Silvers:-

Dean Bevier has kindly written me in answer to an inquiry of mine, that you might give me some information with regard to what Rutgers is doing by way of a special correspondence service with Alumni and students who are with the colors.

So far the University of Vermont has done little systematically in this way, except to keep a record of all military service, and send the regular printed and matter which goes to all Alumni. But now a committee. has been appointed, and we wish to learn what other colleges are doing.

I shall be very grateful to you for any information, in the way of printed matter or otherwise, which you may be able to furnish me.

Thanking you in advance for whatever trouble you may take for me,

I am very sincerely yours,

Samuelle. Bassett.

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to be ausweed, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT BURLINGTON, VERMONT July 18, 1918. DEPARTMENT OF GREEK Mr. Earl Reed Silvers, New Brunswick, N. J. : My dear Mr. Silvers: -I thank you very much for your letter of July 16. Your war Service Bureau is certainly worth while. The Dean of our Gollege of Engineering has been asking for monthly letters from the students and graquates of that college, and from these letters has been writing a general letter containing abstracts from these letters, but the correspondence in the other colleges has not been carried on very systematically. Our committee will be much helped by the suggestions of your letter. I think the suggestion of sending certain numbers only of the undergraduate paper is a good one. We have been considering with the editor of the student weekly the advisability of devoting a department of the paper to the men in the service, but possibly a monthly number written especially for them might serve the purpose just as well. I shall be very much obliged for the samples of letters and blank forms which you so kindly offer to send me, and take this opportunity of thanking you on benalf of our committee. Very sincerely yours, Samuelt. Basset





Mr. Earl Reed Silvers, Director. Hou Seivie Buvan of Rutgers College. New Brunstrick. n.f.

Dear Mr. Selvers: Many thanks for the funted waller from your ourou wheels came to-day. your samples of letters to the Rutgers mey in dervice were perfecely corking. he shall get many hims from your enclosières Fre succeed yours. Samuel. Barret. Committee on hon Serve. Universely of Vermont Bureleglor, Vermont

RUTGERS COLLEGE Now Brunswick, N. J.

In accordance with the plan of the government to use the colleges in a system of military training, necessary at this time, and at the same time to allow students to continue their education until required for active field service, the Students' Army Training Corps will be established at Rutgers College this fall.

Students of eighteen years of age or over, who pass the required physical examination, will be voluntarily inducted into the Students' Army Training Corps on or about October first,

Students under eighteen years of age may be enrolled in the corps, receiving the same instruction and training as the rest, but such students will not receive government support until they reach the age of eighteen and are formally inducted,

Physical examinations will be held after the opening of college and will be in charge of the government.

The government will furnish housing and subsistence, uniforms and equipment, pay tuition and fees, except for a small pro rata charge for about two weeks, and will pay each student member of the S.A.T.C. the pay of a private in the United States Army, thirty dollars a month, beginning with the date of induction.

All students will be housed in the dormitories or in other places controlled by the college. No members of the S.A.T.C. will be permitted to commute or to reside at their homes in New Brunswick.

All students will be required to take their meals at a common mess.

The courses of study will be somewhat modified under the direction of the Federal Government and according to the plans of the Committee on Education and Special Training at Washington. The proportion of time given to military training will be increased in order that it may be possible for members of the corps when called into active field service to qualify for commissions after further intensive training.

College will open with Chapel Exercises at 8:15 A.M. on Wednesday, September 18th, according to previous custom. After the term has opened, the daily program will conform to army regulations, and will begin with drill from 7:30 to 9:30 each morning.

W. H. S. Demarest President.

Jolson 91.8 Och 7 1918 Dear An Silvers; Trindly let me know by return mail whether or not Rulgers is still Oysen. I have been at home sich for a week. Thanking you for your trouble. yours Truly I W Eckhardt Folsom

October 9 1 9 1 8

Mr. J. W. Eckhardt,

Folsom, N.J.

Dear Mr. Eckhardt:

Rutgers is still open and going along as usual. Try to get back just as soon as you can.

Very sincerely yours,

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November
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Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J. Attention Dr. Demarest.

Gentlemen: -

The Boys' who left their life work at your institution to join our Armies in the fight for Democracy deserve more than the ordinary credit and their deeds should be commemorated in a form that will be everlasting and concrete.

Many celebrations have been planned for the boys' when they return but these are of but momentary value and the idea that will carry your institution into History is the presenting of a commemorative medal to each Student when he returns.

This medal will always be kept and will be priceless, both to the veteran and his decendents, a mark of honor from your worthy College.

We have been favored with VICTORY in this great struggle, let us not lose this one opportunity to forever honor the men who have participated. Your Institution owes this tribute to her Soldier Students.

Our Experts and Art Department are at your service; one line from you will start the preparation of an original designed medal which will be submitted for criticism.

Now is the time to act on this subject! Owing to the enormous amount of Government work now in our plant, WE MUST HAVE TIME ON ORDERS.

We can be of service to you and will await your instructions.

Cordially yours,

DISTRICT MANAGER.

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Nov.22,1918

Mr.Adolphe Cohn, NSa. Ita.

General Agent for United States Army,

Columbia University, New York.

My dear Sir:- Yours of November 19, in which you address me at New Brunswick Collège, has been duly received. The only collège in New Brunswick is Rutgers Collège which has a constituency of some five hundred or more students. Its war activities are, and have been, very considerable. I have no official connection with the Collège excepting through its Board of Trustees, which Body does not handle the details of the life of the students. Presuming that this is the institution from which you wish information, I am sending your letter to the President, Rev.W.H.S.Demarest, D.D., LL.D.

I am, however, directly connected with the administration of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, a training school for candidates for the ministry of the Reformed Church in Arerica. The war has reduced our number to only twenty in actual attendance. In addition we have four students enrolled as absent on leave for war service; two of them are commissioned officers, and two non-commissioned officers. Two are in France, and two are still in this country. We have thirty-four stars on our service flag representing these undergraduates and members of our alumni who have been engaged in service as chaplains or Y.M.C.A.workers and our professors and students have been active as contributors and workers in connection with all Liberty Loans, Red Cross, and other activities of the same kind.

Yours very truly,



## Meadquarters U. S. Marine Corps,

Washington, December-20-1918

Sir,

1. Replying to your recent letter the Major General Commandant directs me to inform you that no general demobilization of the Marine Corps is anticipated at the present time, as it is believed the Navy Department will probably require the services of all men now in the Corps for many months to come. Under pres-

ent plans no unit or class of marines will be demobilized by order.

2. It is the policy of this office to discharge from the regular Marine Corps those men who enlisted for the duration of the war and who desire their immediate release from military duty for educational or industrial reasons, or on account of the dependency of their families; also, to relieve from active duty members of the Harine Corps Reserve who desire their immediate release from military duties for similar reasons. It is not purposed, however, to release before the expiration of their contracts with the government any men who wish to remain on active duty. Requests of the men in the two classes mentioned, when forwarded through official channels, will be acted upon individually at these Headquarters, and are decided upon their merits.

5. In view of the urgent need of the Corps for every available man, discharges of men enlisted for four years are being considered only in cases of exceptional dependency, and are granted under circumstances which, considering all the provisions made by law for aiding dependents and the rate of pay received by the applicant for discharge, still render his presence at home absolutely indispensable. In such cases an application for discharge must be submitted by the man, through his commanding officer, and must in each instance be supported by the affidavits of at least two disinterested and responsible persons, testifying in

detail as to the existing dependency.

4. It is impracticable at this time to take any action looking towards the release of marines now serving with the Marine Corps expeditionary forces in France. Upon the termination of the present emergency the matter of discharging men serving with the forces abroad who enlisted for the duration of the war will be taken up, and they will be released as soon as the exigencies of the service permit.

5. In view of the policy outlined above it will be impracticable for this office to take any action with regard to the discharge of members of the Marine Corps until such time as their requests for discharge, properly indorsed by the commanding officer, are received at these Headquarters. You are assured however that

each case will receive careful consideration at the proper time.

Earl Reed Silvas, Rutger's College, New Brunswick, N.J. Very respectfully,

Colonel, Asst.Adjutant and Inspector,

U. S. Marine Corps.

January 3,1919

Mr. L.R.Freeman

District Nanager, Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

If your representative will drop
in to see me at the president's office, Rutgers
College, sometime within the next month I shall
be glad to have a talk with him about commemoration
medals for the Rutgers men who have served in the
war with Germany.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

January 3,1919

Mr. A.F. Douglass,
Steward Observatory,
University of Arizona,
Tucson, Ariz.

Dear Sir:-

President Demarest has asked me to write you stating that he has received your letter of December 11 and that your suggestion of a degree for Dean Byron Cummings will receive his very careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers
War Service Bureau
Rutgers College
New Brunswick, N.J., U.S.A.

Dear Sir:-

For several months past I have received the bulletins of the War Service Bureau and have found them a source of information as well as pleasure. In the meantime I have been very much remiss in not doing my duty and writing you as to my

whereabouts and experiences. Here goes:

Attempted to enter the Second Officer's Training Camp at Plattsburg and after having passed all requirements had to go to the hospital three days before my departure and have a section of my upper jaw removed. This automatically threw me out. Tried the Third Camp via Rutgers College but was over age. Entered the National Army February 27, 1919 and was assigned to Company F, 305th. Infantry, 77th. Division, Camp Upton.

Troubles began when we left camp for overseas on April 15th.at 2:30 A.M. Forty-five minutes en route our train met with an accident and seven cars went over a ten foot embankment while traveling over thirty miles an hour. In my company three men were killed and thirty-five seriously wounded. Two of the dead were in the same seat with me. Luck was kind and I escaped with a skinned knuckle. On the ocean we were attacked by a submarine but she was destroyed by a depth bomb from one of the destroyers convoying us. We landed in Liverpool April 28, hit Dover that evening and landed in Calais the following afternoon. For six weeks we were attached to the 39th. British Division. We then spent six weeks in the Luneville and Baccarat sectors in Lorraine and were then shipped to the Chateau-Theirry front.

We went into action on the Vesle River and did about thirty-eight days there. We were dug in on a railroad bank with the river behind us and the Germans at the top of the hill in the town of Bazoches near Fismes. Plenty of action took

place here but my company was fortunate in having only one man killed.

Cn September 12th. I was recalled to Paris to the "Stars and Stripes" the official newspaper of the A.E.F. Having been a newspaper man in civil life I was attached to the paper and after fighting the battle of Paris for five weeks was sent out as official representative to the Fourth Army Corps. Since then I have been living on the top of the world. Am under orders to main office at Paris but do practically as I please. Stand no formations and go where my fancy takes me. Have a car in which I go galumphing around the country and all in all enjoy life. At present I am with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Am stationed at Cochem on the Moselle(justly famous for the wine of that name) and am about twenty-five miles from Coblenz. Life is very pleasant here and my only source of agitation is when in hell do we sail for home. All the poetical stuff I read about army life may appeal to some but not to me and I long for the time when I will be able to he a human being again and not a soldier, more to be pitied than censured.

I recently received a card from you asking me to register at the American University Union at Paris. While I would like to oblige in this respect I do not care to have my name appear in connection with an organization for which I have but little use as is the case with the American University Union. Theoretically enlisted men may be welcome but the practical application of the fact works out far differently. There is a distinct chill in the atmosphere whenever I entered the portals. Possibly I am super-sensitive. I do not think so. You can't be in the army. My views on the above

organization are held by several of my friends all of whom are college men and all of whom are gentlemen and have seen action. I met one man at the Union who was not ashaned to be seen speaking to his social inferior. I refer to Lt. Kenneth Franklin, Rutgers 1910. Perhaps the less said the better but this is merely a statement of fact. When the next war comes along it might be a good idea to have two clubs of this kind-one for the enlisted men.

Well I am afraid that I have taken up considerable time and will close. Trusting that I may continue to receive the very interesting bulleting from which I have already derived much pleasure, hoping the College may meet with all kinds of success and with best personal wishes for your own welfare, I am,

Sincerely

Geerge Mauron Tangslei, p Rulgers 1911-8017