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WASHINGTON, D. C.

FROM:

Sept. 8, 1917.

TO: Earl Reed Silvers , Ass't. to the President.

SUBJECT: Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir; In reply to your letter of inquiry dated Aug. 31, 1917. I would say that at present I am not in the military service of the United States. However I am in the Federal Civil Service as assistant chemist at the Filtration Plant, Washington, D. C. Will you kindly adress any further communications to the above adress ?

Yours truly,

Geo. D. Norcom.

Washington, D.C.
Oct. 2, 1917.

Mr. E. R. Silvers,
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Reed:

This is to notify you that I
have received a commission as
First Lieutenant, Sanitary Corps,
U. S. National Army.

Sincerely yours,
Geo. D. Norcom. '15.

October 15th. 1917.

Mrs. Julius Nelson,

Adelaide Ave.,

Highland Park,

City.

My dear Mrs. Nelson:-

If you will send me the present address of Thurlow C. Nelson, so that I may write to him, I shall be deeply grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

PATERSON HIGH SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

November 7, 1918.

To the Dean,
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:

We are gathering material concerning our graduates who are either in active service of our country or in one of the Students' Army Training Corps.

May we request you to render us your valued cooperation and assistance by entering upon the inclosed blank the names of young men from Paterson who are members of your military training unit, specifying the branch of the service?

Kindly send us also at your earliest convenience the recent issue of your catalogue for use in our College Entrance Department.

With assurance of our sincerest appreciation of your courtesy, I am

Yours truly,

F. R. North
Principal.

1887 F.M. Hopper '91
 1891 R.S. Parsons '95
 1892 L. Inglis '96
 1892 H. Marelli '96
 1892 G. VanCleve, Jr. '96
 1893 J.F. Briody '97
 1893 S.D.W. Ludlum '97
 1893 F.Y. Parsons '97
 1896 R.B. Parsons '00
 1900 N. Campbell '04

1901 F.P. Venable '05
 1904 W.W. Berdan '08
 1904 W.P. Seddon '08
 1905 J.M. Babcock '09 - *1st lieutenant*
 1907 W.T. Eakins '11
 1908 R.B. Davis '12 -
 1908 G.H. Metcalf '12
 1908 H.P. Peebles '12 - *2nd lieutenant*
 1909 E.L. Schoonmaker '13 +
 1911 H.M. Buckwald '15 E

1912 F.J. Ulrich '16
 1913 T.S. Heines '17
 1914 G.F. Ackerman, Jr. '18
 1914 D.J. Huyssoon '18
 1915 G.A. Kuyper '19
 1915 N.D. Quimby '19
 1916 F.S. Allmuth '20
 1916 H.R. Cambell, Jr. '20
 1916 Albert Lauber '20

E 1918 Max M. Brooks ¹²²

— p.m.

— seaman

— student aviator

— sergt. F.A.

November 14, 1918

Mr. F.R. North,
Paterson High School,
Paterson, N.J.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of November 7th to Dean Bevier, I beg to give you the following information:

Graduates of Paterson High School who have attended Rutgers and are now in the service include:

- (1) James W. Babcock, 1st lieut., Medical; Base Hospital, Camp Meade, Md. (Rutgers 1909)
- (2) Wallace T. Eakins, 1st Lieut., Sanitary; M.D.D. Sanitary Corps, % Wagon Co. # 3, Camp Hill, Newport News, Va., (Rutgers 1911)
- (3) Herbert R. Peebles, 2nd Lieut., Field Artillery; address at present unknown. Graduated from 4th Officers Training Camp, Camp Meade, Md. Is in some camp in the West. (Rutgers 1912)
- (4) Donald J. Hyssoon, private, Medical; U.S. Army Hospital # 15, American Expeditionary Forces. (Rutgers 1918)
- (5) Neal D. Quimby, seaman, Naval Reserve; U.S.S.C. #81, % Postmaster, N.Y.C. (Rutgers 1919)
- (6) Albert Lauber, sergeant, Field Artillery; 6th Anti-aircraft Battalion, Battery A, American Expeditionary Forces. (Rutgers 1920)

George A. Kuyper and F.S. Allmuth are members of the S.A.T.C. at Rutgers College, and are enlisted privates in the U.S. Army. Max M. Brooks is an enrolled member of the S.A.T.C. without any definite military status.

If there is any other information I can give you, please call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

RUTGERS WILL HAVE STRONG TEAM AGAINST
GREAT LAKES.

December 8, 1918

Dear Silvers:-

Your recent letter-the circular letter to the men in service-has caused me to be uneasy in conscience, and so I shall take a few minutes from my work to tell you the reception of the honest-to-goodness news, not the first report, in Augusta Ga.

Perhaps to one who has not been in the south and especially in Georgia where the percentage of negroes is greater than that of the white population, it will be difficult to understand the apparent lack of general knowledge and interest in war issues and affairs. Do not misunderstand me-the people of the better class are the most loyal that can be found, but the negroes and the uneducated whites make up the greater part of the population.

But despite this apparent lack of interest

With the declaration of peace and the spreading of the news throughout the country there commenced to pour into the usually quiet city of Augusta a steady stream of conveyances. And they came in Packards and they came on mules. The high class way for the country negroes to come is in a broken down rig with all of the family on board, and a mule with all ribs showing plainly as a means of locomotion.

By six o'clock in the afternoon the city was four times its usual size and many times its usual interest and activity. A parade had been arranged for and every organization, war-workers, labor parties, the men from Camp, boy-scouts, etc, etc, all had a part to play. Torches were lit and bands from the camp made a constant stream of music as the procession passed down the street. Streamers and flags were flung to the southern winds and nothing but the highest spirits prevailed.

That was the outward celebration and reception of the news: but the greatest will never be known nor will it ever be told. The secret joy, the silent thanks, the prayers of gratefulness for victory speak for the true celebration, the true welcome that the news of peace inspired in all hearts.

The camp was calm in its reception-the men knew the gravity of it all, and were secretly thankful, but courageous as had been their fellow men in giving up their lives, calm and self-controlled were they in their reception of victory. Many were sorry not to have had the chance of going across; but they were glad that at last the end for which they had trained and their brothers had died for, had at least been attained.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Nuttall

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New Jersey War History Bureau

State Library
Trenton, New Jersey

"PARTICIPATION OF NEW JERSEY IN THE WORLD WAR"

F. E. CROASDALE, *State Librarian*
JOHN P. DULLARD, *Director*

Dear Sir or Madam:

You have been suggested as the best person to give us the information asked for on the enclosed questionnaire.

The New Jersey War History Bureau has been created by Chapter 22 of the laws of 1919, which provides for:

First, a complete history of the services and other activities of the men of New Jersey who were engaged in the military and naval service of the United States in the war with the Imperial German Government.

Second, the collection and compilation of material relating to New Jersey's participation in said war which is not a part of the actual records of the men of the Army and Navy and of their participation in the war.

It is the desire of this Bureau that the material collected under said law shall constitute an accurate and complete history of the activities of the people of New Jersey in the greatest war of all time. In gathering this material it is necessary, to a very large extent, that we depend upon local sources of information regarding civic activities. The splendid work of the various organizations and committees in the different localities of the State should not go unrecorded, and your earnest help in this matter is solicited.

Your attention is called to the enclosed questionnaire, which will permit a brief presentation of activities in your community of the organization named therein. Other questionnaires are being sent out for a report of activities of other organizations and committees. We are, therefore, only asking you in this case for information as to the activities of the organization named in the questionnaire being sent you. We will, however, welcome any suggestions you may make separate and apart from this questionnaire regarding other activities.

In filling out this questionnaire we do not require you to limit yourself as to the amount of space used, and where it is necessary we would ask you to insert additional pages and number them. In doing this please use single sheets of paper of the same size of the page of the questionnaire, write on one side of the sheet only, and number the pages consecutively so that they may be folded in and made a part of the questionnaire.

If the information you furnish us can be in typewriting this would be very desirable.

In addition to the information which you may furnish us in this questionnaire we will be more than glad to receive any printed material you may be able to send us, such as pamphlets or newspaper clippings, giving accounts of the activities of your organization.

If you desire any further instructions or information in connection with this matter we shall be very glad to have you write the Bureau.

Very respectfully,

John P. Dullard, Director.

October 24th, 1919.

New Jersey War History Bureau,
State Library,
Trenton, N. J.

Gentlemen:-

I have your circular letter of recent date asking for a synopsis of the activities of Rutgers College during the recent war.

Various services performed by Rutgers cannot even be mentioned in the blank form which you have sent; in fact, we are planning to publish a book of many hundred pages, which will attempt to include all services of the college and her alumni.

I am wondering just how much you wish from Rutgers for your war history of New Jersey, and will appreciate your word on the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

ERS:B

Read Carefully Accompanying Letter of Instructions Before Filling Out This Questionnaire

Participation of New Jersey in the World War

New Jersey War History Bureau
State Library, Trenton, N. J.

Statement of Activities in Connection With the World War of the

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

in Len Branch

County of Union, New Jersey.

Name of Local Organization or Committee

Organized (date) No. of Members

Headquarters

General Purpose

Officers of Local Organization

Specific Activities and Accomplishments, together with lists of Committees and Members actually engaged in such Activities, and their Addresses:

HAWKMEER
BOND

This is to certify that the information herein furnished has been given in as complete and accurate a manner as possible.

Name

Title

Address

Date....., 19.....

Ottinger '19

Transferred to Military Police Corps and returned to
Bordeaux, Dec. 7, 1918. Appointed sergeant, Dec. 14, 1918. Made
Bn. sergeant major, Apr. 3, 1919.

Landed at Brooklyn, N. Y., July 15, 1919. Discharged at
Camp Dix, N. J., July 23d, 1919.

Please pardon delay.

G. R. Ottinger
5/1/21.

31 Pickens Ave
Oct 11 " "

Lieut C. W. T. Overton USRC
address is

117 Infantry Co L
Camp Porter
Greenville
S.C.

January 6, 1918

Mr. T. Chalmers Overton,

12 Broadway,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Overton,

Thank you very much for your letter of
January 4th. It is good to hear about Tone's work in France.
If at any time you receive a copy of his citation, I hope
that you will advise us.

Sincerely yours,