

Richer '13

Jack C.

In charge of unloading vessels, barges, war ships, destroyers,
^{mine sweepers, rescue tugs,}
^{oil}
and loading with coal, and water. Promoted chief yeoman, U.S.N.

Interpreter and Liaison Officer, French Navy Department,
Enlisted July 2, ~~1914~~¹⁹¹⁷, Discharged - Aug. 27, 1919.



ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"



As a news item you may
say that Lt. F. F. Read, 1909
is stationed with the 4th Engr.
Training Reg. at Camp Humphreys
Va.

Sat. morning

Mr. Earl R. Silvers -

Dear Sir - your letter
received. The present address
of my son, J. Wesley Rastall is!

U. S. Naval Training Station

Pelham Bay

New York

70 Barracks 3-4

Main Camp

Respectfully Yours

William Rastall

WAR SERVICE BUREAU
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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

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DIRECTOR

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YOU CAN GIVE US SOME
VALUABLE INFORMATION.

The War Service Bureau of Rutgers College is unable to locate L. F. Regendahl, '14 who, we understand, is in the service of the United States. We shall greatly appreciate your kindness if you will send us his address, so that we may list him with the Rutgers men who are receiving the benefits of the Bureau.

(signed) EARL REED SILVERS,

Director.

Mr. Silvers
Since dropping you a post
card I have received delay to
a letter which is
enclosed

Lt. F. Regendahl
1st Battalion
Camp Dix
U. S.
Training School for Officers

Yours
L. F. Regendahl

NOTIFY US AT ONCE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

7 ms. 4.30

Chapel.

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war savings stamp.

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Millstone N. J.,

Sept, 4, 1917

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

Dear Sir;

Received your letter of August 31st.
Am at present employed, as analytical chemist, by the
United States Metals Refining Co. of Chrome N. J.
I have been examined for the first draft but was
rejected on account of being below standard
weight,

yours truly,
Karl H. Burk, Jr.
P. O. Box 25,
Millstone,
N. J.

September 5, 1917

Mr. Eugene Rockefeller,

Sunset Hall,

Asbury Park, N.J.

Dear Gene:-

I have heard that you have received a commission from the government and would appreciate a word from you concerning its nature so that I may add your name to the honor roll of Rutgers College.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/HVV

September 6, 1917

Mr. Harold A. Russell

Fairfield Avenue,

Caldwell, N.J.

Dear Mr. Russell:-

If you are drafted later will you please advise me at once and I shall recommend you for transfer . I feel rather certain however, that you will be granted exemption on the grounds of dependents.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS.HVW

Chromie, N.J.
9/6/17.

Mr. Silver:—

In compliance with
your request;— Please note!—

I. M. ROSE, 1915— Local Div. No. 4

Metuchen, Middlesex Co. N.J.

Drafted Examined accepted but
not yet certified.

% Chemists' Club } Present
65 Washington Ave. } Address

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
CASTLE POINT, HOBOKEN
NEW JERSEY

A. RIESENBERGER, M. E.
TREASURER AND REGISTRAR

Sept. 13, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Sept. 12 referring to Mr.
Edward Francis White is received.

Mr. White entered the Freshman Class of
Stevens Institute of Technology in September 1882
and completed our regular course in mechanical en-
gineering in 1886 receiving the degree of M. E.

Mr. White is now and has been for a number of
years President of the Rutland Manufacturing Co.,
Rutland, Vt.

If addressed there he will, I feel sure, furnish
you with an accurate statement of his activities since
graduation.

Yours very truly,

A. Riesenberger

Registrar

KINGSTON GAS & ELECTRIC Co.

611 BROADWAY,
KINGSTON, N. Y.

F. TOBEY, JR.,
MANAGER
C. R. STULL,
ASST. MGR.

September 15, 1917.

Mr. E. R. Silver,
Alumni House,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:

I have passed the physical examination for the draft and will shortly be sent to the Cantonment at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.

If you can help me I would prefer to be placed either in the Engineering Corps, the Aviation Corps or Artillery Corps, my preference being in the order named.

If possible I would like to be included in one of the Third Officers Training Corps. Can you give me information as to where to write for information pertaining to these Corps?

Yours very truly,

L. F. Regendahl '14.

District No. 1.

Walter Leo
New York.

September 26
1 9 1 8.

Mrs. Runyon,
223 Lincoln Ave.,
Highland Park,
New Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Runyon:

I am returnigg the letter from
your son Mefford which you kindly let me have
during the summer. Thank you very much for
your kindness in giving it to us.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/G
Enc.

November 3rd. 1917.

Lieutenant Harry J. Rockafeller,
51st. Infantry,
Chickamauga Park
Georgia.

Dear Harry:-

I am sorry that you did not receive the July issue of the Quarterly and am sending you a copy under separate cover. The October number has been delayed but will come out next week and a regular copy will be sent you.

Good luck and best wishes,

As ever,

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November 19th. 1917

Dear Ralph:-

With the conclusion of the Second Series of Officers' Training Camps you will be assigned to a new field of service, and if the War Service Bureau is to keep in touch with you it will be necessary for us to know your address.

As soon as possible will you please advise us (1) commission received, (2) branch of service, (3) new address. If for any reason you do not qualify for commission, we would appreciate word to this effect.

The college is trying very hard to serve you in a small way through the Service Bureau, and we sincerely trust that you will keep us informed of your activities.

Very sincerely yours,

Earl Reed Silvers

12-3-17

ERS,

Commissioned 1st Lieut. Coast Artillery Reserve Corps. Will be stationed at present Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, N.J. Home at Rahway until Dec. 15, 17 R.R.

December 11th. 1917.

Mr. I. M. Rose,
Care Chemist Club,
65 Washington Ave.
Chrome, N.J.

My dear Mr. Rose:-

I have on hand a postal from you dated September 6th, 1917, which says that you have been drafted and certified for service in the national army. I am very anxious to keep in touch with all men who are serving the nation in this big crisis and I would appreciate advice from you as to your location.

Trusting that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience so that I may place your name on the mailing list of the War Service Bureau, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Round Brook N.J.
12/17/17

Dear Mr. Silvers:—

Walter Rugen's present
address is —

Private Walter H. Rugen
Co 15, 4th Battalion
153 Depot Brigade
Camp Dix Branch
Trenton
N.J.

Yours truly

Ralph Rugen

P.S. In case he is sent South,
as he may be at a very short
notice, I will communicate
with you and give you his
new address.

December 20, 1917.

Mr. Ralph Rugen,
Bound Brook, N.J.

Dear Mr. Rugen;-

Thank you for your letter of December 7 containing your brother's address. We have placed him on the list of men to receive the regular letters of the Service Bureau, and shall be grateful if you will notify us whenever he changes his address.

Very truly yours,

New York City,
Jan. 7, 1918.

Mr. Earl Reed Silvers,
Alumni House,
New Brunswick,
N. J.

Dear Sir,

With relation to your recent letter of information, I might say that I am a member of the Enlisted Medical Reserve Corps and have not yet been called for active service.

I misplace a card sent to me concerning alumni fee - enclosed please find check for \$300 which I trust you will deliver to the proper person.

Very sincerely yours,

John H. Rowland.

708 Commercial Ave.,
New Brunswick, N. J.

P.S. If above fee includes the Quarterly kindly send to
170 Lexington Av., N. Y. C.

January 10, 1918.

Mr. John Rowland,
179 Lexington Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Rowland:

Thank you for your letter of
January 7th and for the check to cover annual
dues to the Alumni Association. The fee includes
the Quarterly and I am sending you under separate
cover a copy of #1, Vol IV.

Good luck to you and best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS.MVH

Public Service Gas Company

258 North Park St.,
East Orange, N. J.,
Apr. 22, 1918.

Registrar,

Rutgers College,

New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Can you give me any information in regard to entering the U. S. service, if there is still an opportunity for receiving a commission for a man slightly over the draft age. After leaving Rutgers, I entered Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind., and was there graduated in 1910.

Any information which you can give me will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Otto Reimer

EX-1908
M.E. 1910.

Supt.

April 25, 1918.

Mr. O. Reimer,
258 North Park St.,
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mr. Reimer:

Mr. Martin, our Registrar, has referred to me your letter of April 22nd. Since the Inter-collegiate Intelligence Bureau has been taken over by the U. S. Government, the college has been unable to do very little in the way of recommendations. We cannot, therefore, give you any information concerning application for commission. Our experience has been that it is very difficult for men to receive commissions from the civilian ranks at the present time, although a few months ago it was comparatively easy. Possibly by writing to the Chief of the Engineers, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., you may get some definite information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

ERS/H

162 Bowens St
Jersey City N.J.
May 15th 1918

Kenneth M. Rendall, is an
ensign in the Naval Auxiliary
Reserve; is at present on a
troopship between New York and
France. His only address is his home
one. Jean St. Rendall.

POST CARD



Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

May 23 - 1918

Dear Mr. Silvers of May 18 -

Your letter was just received
this morning as it was sent to the wrong
address. I am sending you one of
Hafford's recent letters which tells some-
thing of his work and may be of interest.

I have crossed out some of the
personal items.

We should like very much indeed

to see a copy of the Alumni Quar-
terly and thank in advance. I trust
this letter will not be too late and
regret the delay.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs. Frank L.) Caroline Canyon.

223 Larch Ave

San Francisco.

Feb. 6/0 R.

May 27, 1918.

Mrs. F. L. Runyon,
223 Lincoln Ave.,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Runyon:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 23rd containing one of Mefford's recent letters. It is good of you to send it and we shall make certain that it is returned to you in good condition.

Very truly yours,

Director.

ERS/H

"WITH THE COLORS"



BASEBALL ON A
Y.M.C.A. FIELD IN FRANCE



THEY M.C.A. IN THE TRENCHES



LOUNGE ROOM, AMERICAN Y.M.C.A. 'EAGLE' HUT, LONDON, ENGLAND



AMERICAN ARMY AND NAVY Y.M.C.A. BUILDING AT PORT OF DEBARKATION SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE



FOYER DU SOLDAT—SIMILAR TO THE Y.M.C.A. HUT, MAINTAINED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITH AN AMERICAN Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY IN ATTENDANCE



THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION "Over There"

- 1,600 American Y. M. C. A. Secretaries overseas.
- 140 American Y. M. C. A. huts in France
- 10,000,000 Sheets of writing paper for free distribution the April order for overseas.
- French and other educational classes held.
- Hundreds of the leading ministers and laymen of the American churches conduct the religious work of the Y. M. C. A. "Over There."
- 200,000 Testaments for free distribution, the April order.
- 250 Physical directors representing the American Y. M. C. A. will supervise athletic recreation, at the request of the United States Government, including baseball, volleyball, basketball, playground-ball, boxing, tug-of-war, track events, quito, mess athletics and other sports.
- \$150,000.00 for equipment of Y. M. C. A. athletic fields.
- 14,400 baseball bats sent overseas.
- General John J. Pershing turned over to the American Y. M. C. A. all Army canteens in France, requiring during April, among other supplies:
- 321,600 tins of condensed milk
- 215,000 packages of crackers
- 2,500,000 packages of chewing gum
- 54,000 tubes of tooth paste
- The American Y. M. C. A. is now operating in 95% of the places in France where there are 300 or more American troops.



AMERICAN SAILORS ENJOY GOOD MUSIC AT THE 'EAGLE' HUT, Y.M.C.A., LONDON, ENGLAND

The Red Triangle Follows The Flag and Your Boy

May 27, 1918

13th Prov. Recruit Co.,
54th W. S. Inf. Detention camp,
Camp Wadsworth,
South Carolina

President W. H. L. Demarest,

Rutgers College,

New Brunswick, N.J.

My dear Dr. Demarest,

For your information and college records I am with 54th U.S. Inf. 6th Div.

Wishing you and the old college continued success and prosperity, I am,

Yours very truly,
J. R. Robinson '13

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June 13
1918

Mr. R. C. Robbins,
U. S. Naval Reserve,
Public Works Dept.,
Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Robbins:

I would appreciate your
kindness if you will advise me whether you
are enlisted in the naval reserve or only
working in a civilian capacity. If you are
enlisted in the naval reserve will you kindly
give me your rank so that I may add your name
to our honor roll?

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/W

Earl Reed Silvers

*C.P.O. (Chief Petty Officer)
U.S. Navy
detailed on Engineering & Const. Work
R.C. Robbins*

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Very sincerely yours,

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August 22, 1918.

Mr. Donald Ross,

The American Red Cross,

Department of Accounts,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Don;-

I appreciate your letter of August 15th and the interest news it contained. It is good to know that our Rutgers men are taking part in the big work of the Red Cross.

Very sincerely yours,

France
Sept. 29/18.

Dear Silvers:

just have a little
time to send you my address.
Left Camp Funston about a
month ago and am here
now. Just before I left the
U.S.A. my brother wrote me
to tell you where he was
or has been for several months
and I'm also sending his
address.

I suppose college has
opened again but I imagine
the enrollment is rather
small this year.

Best regards to any of
my h.B. friends you may
see.

Sincerely

Robert Schmidt

Received
Robert Schmidt
1st Lt Inf. U.S.A.

Lieut. Robert Schmidt
Co. F. 805th Inf.
Amex. Forces
France.

Pvt. David Schmidt
Co A, 61st Inf.
Amex. Forces
France.

The last letter from my
brother was dated July 19 so
I have no later information.



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MAY
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Utica, N. Y.

Sept. 7, 1920

Mr. Edw. Reid Silvers,
Rutgers College,
New Brunswick, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter with reference to a brief account of the death of Lieutenant Robbins, who was killed while fighting with us in the Meuse Argonne Offensive.

I am enclosing herewith a brief account but as you know, two years' time rather dims the memory as to the particular dates and as I remember it, he was badly wounded on the 15th of October and died the next morning at the Battalion Dressing Station.

Trusting this little scrib is what you want, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

R. a. Smith

RAS:K
Enclosure.

In Memorium.

Lieutenant Harvey Robbins Co.G. 113 U.S. Inf.

Rutgers 1907.

Killed in action Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

—BY—

Capt. Richard A. Smith. Co.H. 113th Inf.

Rutgers 1912.

I do not think any man ever quite so won my heart as "Robbie" did. I do not think I know of one whose life was finer and whose death more noble than Lieutenant Robbins - and I got to know him so well and so intimately, for we were in the same battallion in the New Jersey National Guard before the War, together, answered the President's call on March 28th, 1917, did strike duty together and were trained at the same Mobilization Camp and arriving in France we were again in the same Battallion, he in Co. G., and I in Co. H. 113 Infantry, 29th Division. Our training in the front line sectors was finally finished. Robbie has ~~fallen~~ ^{FACED} the Hun with credit - never a blunder, never a miss did he make. He had the confidence and respect of his platoon and was a splendid type of the American Officer.

At length we left for the Big front Verdun - famed in song and story, and beginning on October 8, 1918, we found ourselves participating in that last great advance which was to end a month later in Victory.

On October 15th, three companies of our Battallion held the front line with the Boche 75 yards in our front - H. Company held the extremely right - E Company next on our left with G Company to the left of E. "Robbie" had his platoon on the line - the firing was constant and terrific until a lull occurred and it was decided to send out a patrol on the left of the Battallion to look over the ground preparatory to an advance. "Robbie" was one of the three on the ill-fated trip and had gone hardly fifty yards before a German machine gun opened up and "Robbie" fell badly wounded. He was carried to the Battallion Dressing Station where he found some of the officers and was still smiling although suffering great pain. He was attended by Lieut. McFarland, a young Burlington, N.J. doctor who with "Robbie" and I had eaten at the same mess for seventeen months. Just seven days later he, too, was killed. "Robbie" died the next day although we did not know of it until two months afterwards.

An officer of unquestioned ability - a man in every sense of the word. This country lost no man of a higher calibre than "Robbie". I shall never forget him and his kindly manner, his indomible pluck, his wonderful bravery in the face of certain death, will always be a constant inspiration to all who knew him. Rutgers gave a worthy son to her country.

Captain W. S. Risley (Warner S. Risley)
A. E. F. France.

504th Engineer Battalion,
Company A.

Communicate with

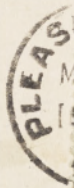
Mrs W. S. Risley.

Pleasantville N. J.

Atlantic Co.

Box 233

POST CARD



Earl Reed Silvers

Rutgers College

New Brunswick, N. J.

April 2nd, 1919.

Mrs. Chas. D. Reese,
249 E. Walnut St.,
Westfield, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Reese:-

Your son's name was mis-spelled
owing to a clerical error in this office.

We have attended to the matter,
and trust that there will be no further mistakes.

Thank you for your letter of
March 31st.

Yours Sincerely,

Assistant to the President.

RTS/b

REV. JOHN H. RAVEN, D.D.

PROFESSOR OF OLD TESTAMENT
LANGUAGES AND EXEGESIS
185 COLLEGE AVE.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

Oct. 16th 1919.

My dear Mr Silvers

Yours of yesterday received. I am sorry to say that my official service in war activities was very insignificant. The only things I can think of in this ^{line} were that I was an Associate Adviser of the Legal Advisory Board and Chair-
man for Middlesex Co. in the Drive for Relief in the Near East. The latter was recognized by the President and in one sense a government matter. If it is not the kind of thing you mean, leave it out. Cordially yours, John H. Raven.

January 11th, 1921.

Mr. W. E. Rochford,
464 Riverside Ave.,
Trenton, N. J.

Dear Rocky:-

Do you ever see George Mulheron? I have been trying for the past year or more to get a record of his war service, but letters to him have not been answered and I have only riger information concerning his army experience. I am enclosing in this letter a slip on which we have received war records of some eight hundred Rutgers men. If it is possible for you to see Mulheron without too great inconvenience and get him to fill out the slip and return it to me, I shall be very grateful to you.

I don't know whether or not you have heard that I have followed Bill Herrman's example. We have a pair of twins at my house, a boy and a girl, who were born on October 31st and who are both well and thriving.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

ERS:B

Mulheron, George W., '09 captain, Engineers (resigned);
920 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton, N.J.

Rochford