

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
HARTFORD, CONN.

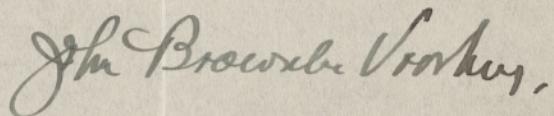
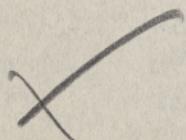
JOHN BROWNLEE VOORHEES, MINISTER  
854 ASYLUM AVE.

April 20, 1918.

My dear Ralph:

I am very sorry that I could not attend the meeting of the Alumni Council on April 13th. These happen to be very busy days with me, as I plan to start shortly for overseas service in connection with the Y.M.C.A., my Church having granted me eight months leave of absence.

Very truly yours,





April 25, 1918.

Dr. J. B. Voorhees,  
Asylum Hill Congregational Church,  
854 Asylum Ave.,  
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Dr. Voorhees:

I understand that you will leave shortly  
for overseas service with the W. M. C. A. If you will send  
me your address, I shall be pleased to include you in the list  
of those who receive the benefits of our War Service Bureau.  
Wishing you success in this most interesting field of work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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HARTFORD, CONN.

JOHN BROWNLEE VOORHEES, MINISTER  
854 ASYLUM AVE.

May 2, 1918.

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

My dear Mr. Silvers:

I leave this week for eight months Y.M.C.A.  
service overseas. My address will be American Y.M.C.A., 12 Rue  
d'Aggesseau, Paris, France. I shall certainly appreciate being  
included in the benefits of the Rutgers War Service Bureau. News  
from college will look good across the seas.

Cordially ever,

*John Brownlee Voorhees.*

GIFT OF THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE  
THROUGH THE  
AMERICAN RED CROSS  
TO THOSE IN SERVICE

Bord  
U. S. A. Hospital  
No. 20  
Central France.

My Dear Silver:

This is just to thank you for the war time letters. I came over last May to work under the Y.M.C.A.; but the Boche considered my activities too dangerous, and decided to shoot up the town where my hut was located. They demolished the hut and incidentally sent a chunk of high explosive through my right leg. The result has been that I have spent the summer of 1918 on the flat of my back with the aforesaid leg hung up in a complicated apparatus which has kept my right toe pointing at the North star for three months.

But it is not as bad as it sounds, and on the whole it has not been a bad summer. Uncle Sam's Army Hospitals are great institutions, and the best that medical <sup>Science</sup> skill and surgeon skill can offer is yours to command. Also it is cheap. I have saved at least \$10000- in surgeon's fees by coming over to

AMERICAN RED CROSS  
HOSPITAL NO. 112  
15 JAN 1918  
DRAFTED IN PARIS

to France to be shot up. So you see I am considerably ahead of the game.

Some day soon or late I expect to get back to the States, and with a right big adequate or hast to the ancient and honorable game of golf. I am afraid, however, I have lost my drive.

It begins to look as if America had sent a real army overseas. Well, it has been one of the big privileges of my life to have some association with it - short as it was. It has been worth coming over, despite my contact with a ten inch shell. Keep on with the letters. I shall be in the hospital some time yet.

Yours ever  
John Brownlee Vories  
'96

L.S.S. States  
1st Lt 314th Engrs.

October 24,  
1918

Dr. John B. Voorhees,  
Base Hospital # 20  
American E.F.

Dear Dr. Voorhees:

Your letter of September 18 was very welcome. Here at the college we have been worrying about you and our only word has come indirectly. We are glad to know that your injured limb is in the process of healing and we trust that you will not have to spend very much more time in the hospital.

There must be a lot of satisfaction to you in the thought that you have served so bravely and courageously in the big cause in which you are enlisted.

Very sincerely yours,

E.R.S/G

## CLERGYMAN WOUNDED IN THE Y.M.C.A. SERVICE

**Dr. Voorhees of Hartford Has  
Leg Shattered by a Shell—  
Another Worker Is Hurt.**

PARIS, June 22.—The Rev. Dr. John Brownlee Voorhees of Hartford has had his leg shattered by a shell while on duty with the Young Men's Christian Association on the front northwest of Toul. It is hoped that the limb may be saved.

William Earl Ballew of Westerville, Ohio, Young Men's Christian Association Secretary in the same sector, also was wounded in the bombardment. He was struck by shell fragments in the right arm and both legs, but will recover.

Dr. Voorhees, with C. W. Peel of Fitchburg, Mass., stuck to the Y. M. C. A. hut in which they were working under a violent bombardment. They finally left, as the building was being destroyed, seeking refuge in a trench.

Peel, with two enlisted men, rescued Dr. Voorhees after he had received his shell wound, and helped him away despite his protestations that they leave him and save themselves. Dr. Voorhees is a great favorite with the soldiers, so familiarly called him "Doc."

Secretary Ballew was standing at the door of his hut under heavy bombardment, which included gas shelling, wearing his gas mask. A wounded soldier came staggering back from the front, seeking a dressing station. Ballew was assisting the soldier to the station, across a shell-swept court, when he was struck by the shell fragments.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 22.—The Rev. Dr. John Brownlee Voorhees is pastor of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church in this city, succeeding the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Twitchell, who is now pastor emeritus. His church is one of the largest in the city. He came here six years ago from New York City, where he was Secretary of the Dutch Reformed Mission Board. He is a graduate of Rutgers College in the class of '96. Dr. Voorhees sailed May 7 for work overseas.

## DIES FROM WAR WOUNDS.

**Rev. Dr. J. B. Voorhees of Hartford  
Served as a Y. M. C. A. Worker.**

The Rev. Dr. John Brownlee Voorhees, pastor of the Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn., since 1912, died yesterday in a hospital in this city. His death was due to pneumonia and septic poisoning resulting from wounds he received in France last June as a Y. M. C. A. worker with the 26th (Yankee) Division.

Dr. Voorhees was in a French hospital for months, returning to this country the day before Christmas. An operation was performed on Dec. 28. Dr. Voorhees was a Rutgers graduate of the Class of 1896. His sister, Mrs. James Menzies, of Wilmington, N. C., was with him when he died.

*NY TIMES Jan 9  
Robert J. Lowry, Banker.*

*Samuel Sharpe, Jr., arrived in Nagasaki, Japan, on November 14. We send our congratulations to the fond parents at this new addition to our missionary force.*

*VOORHEES*—Rev. John Brownlee Voorhees, so seriously wounded some months ago, in France, arrived last Saturday, and is now in the New York Hospital. He will doubtless be there for some time, as he has just submitted to an operation supplementary to the surgical attention he received "overseas." Our prayers go up to the Good Physician to bless this devoted minister of Jesus Christ. The death of his predecessor, Dr. Joseph W. Twitchell, will prompt us to comfort his heart under this added sense of loss.

January 13, 1919.

Mrs. J. Brownlee Voorhees,  
854 Asylum Ave.  
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Voorhees:-

It is with very great regret that we have heard of the death of your husband, Dr. J. Brownlee Voorhees. May I express to you my deepest sympathy, both personally, and as Director of the War Service Bureau. Dr. Voorhees has sent us several letters from France and his continued optimism in the face of many difficulties has been a source of much inspiration for us. His loss is a big one and his place will be hard to fill, I know.

Very sincerely yours,

February 3, 1919

Rev. Irving H. Berg,  
2611 Sedgewick Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Berg:-

We are very anxious to secure for the Rutgers Alumni Quarterly and for our college records, a photograph of the Rev. J. Brownlee Voorhees. Dr. Demarest has suggested that possibly you may have one on hand. If you have, I shall be very grateful if you will permit us to use ~~for~~ the making of a zinc cut. It will only take a few days, and the picture will not be harmed.

I hesitate to write Mrs. Voorhees at this time. Will you please advise us, if you have not a picture?

Thanking you,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

IRVING HUSTED BERG, MINISTER

TELEPHONE  
ST. NICHOLAS 2942

729 WEST 181<sup>ST</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK

26 11 Sedgwick Ave.,

Feb. 4, 1919

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

Dear Mr. Silvers:-

I have sent you letter to  
Mrs. Voorhees, & you will prob-  
ably hear from her directly.

The only picture of Dr.  
Voorhees in my possession is  
also a picture of his first baby!  
This would hardly suit your  
purpose. Let me know if  
you are unsuccessful in hearing  
from Mrs. Voorhees. I am

Yours very truly,  
Irving H. Berg

February  
Fifth  
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Rev. Irving H. Berg,  
Fort Washington Collegiate Church,  
729 West 181st St.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Berg:--

Thank you very much  
for your letter of February 4th.

I appreciate your  
writing to Mrs. Voorhees, and hope that  
the picture of Dr. Voorhees will reach us  
soon. I shall advise you if it does not  
come.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/W

THE PARSONAGE  
854 ASYLUM AVENUE  
HARTFORD, CONN.

My dear Mr Sloane.

J. Big sent me  
your bill with request  
for a picture of my husband.  
Some had been ordered  
and they have just arrived  
after all these weeks.

I am sending one to you  
under separate cover.  
I understand you will

return I.

There was certainly no  
more loyalty of  
Rutgers than Mr. Vorhees.  
He always was always  
close to his heart.

I deeply appreciate your  
sympathy at this time.

Very sincerely yours

Juliana Dyo Vorhees

Mandy Elwell.

March 17th, 1919.

Mrs. Julian D. Voorhees,  
854 Asylum Avenue,  
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Voorhees:-

Thank you for the photograph  
of Doctor Voorhees, which arrived this morning.

We shall take excellent care  
of it and return it to you within the next two weeks.

Very sincerely yours,

200. Tuttle Ave  
Spring Lake N.J.

My dear Mr. Silver.

I understand that  
my husband's picture would  
be returned to me. perhaps  
I has been sent to Hartfield  
since I left there. If  
not would you have it  
sent here. also I would

like a copy of the  
Alumni meeting Cal- li  
picnic was in.

Thank you for any trouble  
this may cause you.

I am very sincerely yours

Julian Day Voorhees  
(Mrs J. B.)

July 10 -

gratiful appreciation  
of your sympathy

MRS. JOHN BROWNLEE VOORHEES

854 ASYLUM AVENUE

July 14th, 1919.

Mrs. J. B. Voorhees,  
205 Tuttle Ave.,  
Spring Lake, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Voorhees:-

Dr. Voorhees' picture was  
returned to Hartford at least six weeks ago. I hope  
that it has not been lost.

Under separate cover I am sending  
you copies of the Quarterly in which are items  
concerning him.

Very sincerely yours,

ERS/b