

New Brunswick, N. J.

April 25, 1917.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
Governors Island, N. Y.

SIR: I have the honor to apply for examination for a commission in the (1) *Infantry*
....., Officers' Reserve Corps, organized under the authority of Congress.

I have served years in (2)

Discharged, }
Resigned, } Date.

I have pursued a regular course of instruction for years in (3) *Rutgers*
New Brunswick, N. J. I graduated in the year *1917* from (4) *Rutgers*, after
having creditably pursued the course of military instruction therein provided.

I was born *March 4, 1894*, and am a citizen of the United States. My
business is (5) *Merchant*. My business experience has been as follows:
(5)

I inclose letters of recommendation and addresses of citizens who know me, as
follows: *Dr. W. H. A. ...*

John P. ...
Wm. J. M. ...

Respectfully,

J. Lawrence ...
R. W. ...

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Insert branch of service or staff corps or department, as Cavalry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Infantry, Quartermaster Corps, etc. The grade for which a successful applicant is qualified will be determined by the War Department on the record.
- (2) Insert service in Regular Army of the United States or Volunteer forces of the United States of Organized Militia of any State, Territory, or District of Columbia; also state in what capacity.
- (3) Insert name and location of the school or college.
- (4) Insert the name and location of the educational institution to which an officer of the Army or Navy has been detailed as superintendent or professor pursuant to law.
- (5) Specifically in what official capacity.

The correctness of the statements above made was sworn to and subscribed before me, *J. S. ...*, 1917.

(6) *John T. ...*
Henry ...

(6) Oath to be taken before, and signature to be made by, officer authorized by law to administer oaths.

John Lawrence Pitt is applying for Commission

in the Officers' Reserve Corps, I understand. It gives me
pleasure to commend him to favorable consideration.

He is a member of the Senior Class at Rutgers College
and will now receive his degree. He has pursued the

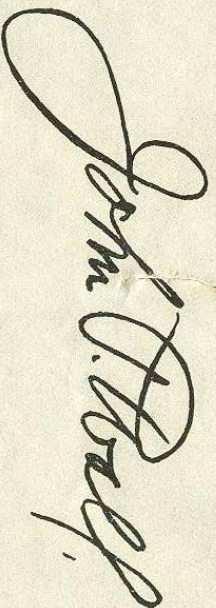
course in Military Science during the four undergraduate
years and during this year has held the position of First

Lieutenant. He is a young man of good ability and reliable
character. I believe that he will meet well any responsi-
bilities placed upon him.



President.

April 27th. 1917.



MAKER OF WALLMADE CLOTHES

379 GEORGE STREET

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.

April 26 / 17

To the General Commanding,
Department of the East,
Governors Island N.Y.

Sir:

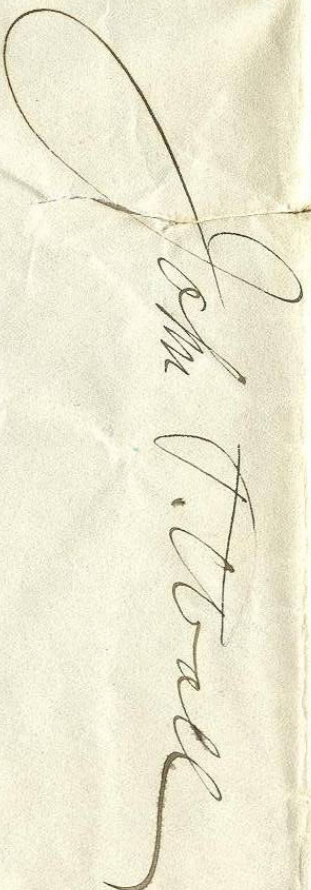
This is to certify that I have knowh the
bearer,

Mr. J. LAWRENCE PITT,

for five years and over, I can freely recomend
him for honesty, sobriety and good moral character.

He has acted as Lieutenant of a company of the
Gadet Corps of Rutgers College and is a natural
leader of men.

Respectfully yours,



To the Governor General
Eastern Division

Quebec Island, N. Y.

This certifies that I have known Mr. Lawrence
Pitt very intimately for more than one year.

I have found him to be a young man of sterling
Christian character. He is just finishing his fourth
year in Rutgers College and is held in very
high esteem by the entire faculty and the whole
student body. He has shown exceptional ability
in leadership which is evidenced by his frequent
promotions in the college military company.
I believe he will make good in any position
into which he may be placed and will prove
worthy of any honor or trust you may confer
upon him.

Very sincerely

J. Mercer Hunt

Robert St. James Jr. E. Hunt

New Brunswick, N. J.

REV. JOHN LAWRENCE PITT—Among the younger men of the clergy in Monmouth county, New Jersey, Rev. John Lawrence Pitt, of Red Bank, is a well known figure, and as pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of this city is doing a good work. Mr. Pitt is a son of Rev. Sherman Grant and Ella B. (Lawrence) Pitt, his father also being a New Jersey clergyman. Rev. Sherman G. Pitt was born in Canton, New York, and is now pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Merchantville, New Jersey. The mother was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and is also still living.

Rev. John Lawrence Pitt was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 4, 1894, but the removal of the family to Atlantic City placed him in the public schools of that community, where he also covered the high school course, and was graduated in the class of 1913. Entering Rutgers College, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1917, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, then having chosen his career in the same path which his father has followed for many years, the young man entered Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1920, with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. While still in the seminary, Mr. Pitt filled the pulpit of a church near Lakewood for one year, and also a church at Seabright for a similar length of time. Coming to Red Bank in the month of March, 1920, Rev. Pitt has since had charge, as pastor, of Grace Methodist Episcopal church on Broad street. His work is counting for the upbuilding and prosperity of the church, and he is looked upon as one of the promising young men of his conference.

During the World War Rev. Pitt served in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps as instructor at Rutgers College, and also for a short period at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, with the Young Men's Christian Association. Fraternally, he is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Rutgers chapter of the Delta Upsilon, a national order. Politically, he holds an independent position, giving his endorsement to the party or candidate he believes best fitted to serve the welfare of the people.

Rev. Pitt married, in South Amboy, New Jersey, on May 23, 1917, Gladys M. Walters, who was born in South Amboy, September 23, 1896, and is a daughter of Joseph M. and Laura B. (Stillwagon) Walters. Mrs. Pitt's father is foreman of construction with the Pennsylvania railroad, but her mother is deceased. Mrs. Pitt is a graduate of Newark State Normal School. Mr. and Mrs. Pitt have one son, Lawrence Walters Pitt, born May 22, 1918. Mr. Pitt has one brother, Malcolm S., now attending Drew Theological Seminary.