

Camp Hughes July 20, 1916

Dear Rachel: —

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I suppose by this time you
guys at home received that post card I
sent to Willie. Well, here is a letter this
time. With reference to the Rhodes Scholarship
I was greatly surprised to find my name
in the Vancouver News papers in
connection with it. I never thought
in the least that I would be considered
but in addition to being considered for
it I found out that I was by no
means at the bottom of the list of the
six names. Through my knowledge of
this I am going to make a desperate effort
to be considered for the Rhodes Scholarship
again when the time and opportunity occurs;
but all the same I certainly do not want
you to tell anybody outside the family this.
I want you to simply keep it quiet. I want
to ask you this question, Rachel; — did you
have ^{any} know ^{ledge} at all that my name would
be in the paper in connection with it or
did it come as a surprise to you when
you saw it in the paper in the first place?
Anyway I heard about before I received your
letter. Did any of the people you know in the views say anything to you
about it? Now with reference to that last letter
you sent me, — why was it that you had to
pay 4¢ due by way of postage on it? I never
thought the letter was as big as all
that. Ma and had better hurry up and get
that marriage certificate business
of hers settled as soon as possible if
~~it~~ in order to get some money from the

Patriotic Fund. The money from the Patriotic Fund is long overdue already and if she waits she may not get what they owe her already but simply may start in from the time she shows them the marriage certificate. Anyway as soon as the marriage certificate business is settled she should go to the Executive Secretary of the Patriotic Fund as soon as ever she can and ask if it is possible for her to get what money should have been given to her from the first of May when I joined the Western University Battalion. I see in the Winnipeg papers that Vancouver is some rainy town now. Next time you go to the dentist just tell him that I am slower in sending him his \$5 I owe him than I thought I would be; but if I get \$13 at the end of this month as I think I will, then I will immediately send him his \$5. Now don't you forget to tell him this.

Tell Dr. Ragnall that we need humane dentists like him in the Army Dental Corps. Tell him that the Army Dentists here hurt like the mischief and that I am most thankful that I had my teeth fixed by His Gracious Workings just before I left. The work he did for my teeth was worth \$10 but you may tell him that, as he charged only \$5 I will not feel disposed to send him more than \$5.

I think mamma had better pay ask Mr. Brydson Jack to kindly pay that \$7.25 water-tax bill out of the rent he gets from the Rolston House. Ask him

This in a letter in a nice way, - but above all
do not let mamma say he is no good and too
slow for he is not. He cannot push the
law ahead for he must go along with it no
matter how slow the law is. When did Mr.
Brydson Jack send you that \$38? Was
it out of the \$88 due from Pro or not?
I suppose \$44 will soon be due from Sisson
so you should very politely and in a business-
like manner ask ^{him} if it is possible for him in
any way to remit to mamma that interest
from Mr. Sisson when it is due. How much is
the grocery bill with Mitchell & Cahill now and
also with the milk-man? Did you do much crediting
with Mitchell & Cahill since I left?

I wrote to Tom and Ned. The answers
and I enclose his letter, but I did not yet
receive an answer from Tom. I am not in
need of underwear or handkerchiefs, - these
can be bought out here. The socks I wear
are not too heavy for this weather.

I wrote to the Post Office Dept. at Ottawa
about a pension for you guys at home and
I enclose the disconcerting reply I received.
I suppose Postmaster Miller got his pension
by a special act or order which has nothing
to do with parliament and which does not
apply to all ordinary postmasters.

From

Yours affect. & devotedly

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