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Somewhere in France.  
July 3 1917.

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Dear Rachel:-

I just received your letters of June 4 and June 6 and was glad to find out that the official telegram from Ottawa to the effect that I was wounded on May 5 was so long delayed, because it gave my letter of May 6, which I sent you, a chance of getting to you first. I was in the hospital 5 weeks altogether and it is now almost a month since I am back with the battalion. I have



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not yet got a gold stripe  
but I may possibly get one  
from the battalion because  
the Officer, second in command  
of our company, said that  
the battalion was getting gold  
stripes for men who were  
wounded and that they should  
come to him for the stripe.

According to military rules  
and regulations, however, it  
is not easy to approach an  
officer and for this reason  
I will not ask for a stripe,  
but, if offered it, I will  
take it. Perhaps you would



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like to know how I got hit. On the night of May 5 we attacked and captured some German trenches and it was then that I got hit in the leg. It was somewhat difficult for me to walk out to the dressing-station but finally succeeded in doing so. On my way out at first, I happened to meet one of our own officers lying wounded in front of the German barbed-wire. I did not notice him in the dark as he was lying still but he saw me moving along and called to me. When I found



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out who he was and that he was more seriously hurt than I was, I went back again to where the fighting was going on and got a stretcher-bearer for this officer and, by a very accident I happened to meet his batman. Then after bringing them to where he was lying, I proceeded on my way to the dressing station as best I could.

This officer is Lieut. Hall who, I remember, was for a time an instructor in the old 196th Batt. O.T.C. that used to be at Seaford. Eng.

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I did not tell you this before because I have so much in my mind to write you that I really get tired writing, so that the result is that you may get a story of my experiences by a page or so in different letters.

You asked me once when I think the war will end. Well, it may end this winter and perhaps next year.

Well, Rachel, so long for the present

from usual  
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