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Seaford
 Sussex, England

Nov 29 191*6*

Dear Rachel—

This morning I received your letter of Nov. 6 and it certainly was just as well that you did not wait until you heard from me for the address which Stuey's sister gave you sufficed for my letters as well. There is one thing in connection with your letter and that is very conspicuous because you left it out.

On Nov. 27 just as our train left Fort William, Ontario, I wrote a letter to you enclosing fifteen dollars (\$15) and when we reached Mississauga, Ont. the train stopped for a few seconds. At this stop the fellows on the train handed letters and postcard out through the window for boys on the platform to mail for them. I handed this letter to an intelligent looking young fellow

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To mail for me. Now you did not mention that you received this letter with the moneyⁱⁿ it. You mentioned the facts that you received the 196th Battalion paper and that postcard in which I told you not to write until you heard from me. I posted this paper and the postcard several days after I mailed you the letter with the money in it and you should have received the letter with the moneyⁱⁿ before the postcard ~~letter~~ and paper. Now, because you mentioned the postcard and paper, I can only judge that you did not receive that important letter or else^{you} would have mentioned it, - this makes me somewhat anxious and wonder what on earth that kid did with the letter. So I want to know definitely whether you did receive that letter and forgot to mention it or did not receive it at all.

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This letter that I am writing now is the third since I arrived in England and since it takes 21 days for a letter to travel from Vancouver to England ~~and~~ it must take 42 days for a reply to be received to it. Since it is only 17 days ago since I sent you the first I can only judge that you did not receive it yet. I also sent you a letter ten days ago. This is the third one.

Was that Dr. Munro who recently returned to Vancouver from Saloniki who spoke to mamma about me? No ailment that he treated me for has ever returned. I do not think I will act upon Major Munro's suggestion that I should might transfer to the Army Medical Corps. # I certainly do not think that our famous 196th Western Universities Battalion will exist as a full distinctive battalion under its former

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name much longer. Many of the fellows are talking about transferring to this and that and everything else. It looks as if this Western Universities Batt. is being in a sort of gradual "splitting up" process, because many men may succeed in transferring to other branches while a few lieutenants of the battalion are said to be going to France in a very few days. Lieut. Letson is said to be going to France and so is Lieut. Tobias about whom I wrote to you from Camp Hughes, Canada when I was introduced to him. There is plenty of time for me to think about what I will transfer to. Many of the other fellows are undecided yet. Yes, I received ~~one~~ ^{one pair of} socks before I left Canada. No more battalion papers will be printed because, as I said, the battalion will not be together as a distinctive unit very long. I knew that Edgar Style was wounded but not Roy Kincaid. If there is really oil & coal in Burnaby Lake name had

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better stock to those 4 acres she has in her name. They are a little nearer to the Lake than the other 20 acres of which Mr Anthony owns $\frac{3}{16}$. If mamma has a little money to spare she had better register those 4 acres at once and also register at once $\frac{13}{16}$ of those 20 acres which were transferred to me, in my name. It is not safe for such valuable property to be unregistered. Mamma should have deeds to those four acres in addition to a Certificate of Title. There should also be a deed in my name for $\frac{13}{16}$ of those 20 acres in addition to a Certificate of Title in my name.

A few days ago I wrote a letter to City Industrial Commissioner Davison of Vancouver asking him if he would not be exceeding his duties by recommending our Cedar Cone property for a 25-year lease to any industrial company coming to Vancouver. I did not put any terms down at all. I just gave him mamma's address and so mamma had better be on the look-

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out and place her well-known terms before any company that should happen to come along. She should ask the company to pay the taxes each year. Then she should try to get the highest ground rental she can. She should try first at about \$175 per month; if the company objects to this then she should gradually come down but not lower than \$125 per month if she can possibly help it. She should be wise and put on the highest terms possible which any company might accept but not too high so that the company might be frightened away altogether.

Important

When you answer do not forget to let me know about that letter in which I wrote enclosed that \$15 and whether you acted according to what I said in that letter.

I could have taken my week's leave to London for six days last week if I had wanted to take it, but I did

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not care for it this time. So I did not go to London as I said I might go in the last letter I sent you. There are many interesting things around the town of Seaford. The streets seem somewhat narrow to me, - there are no street-cars and very few motor-cars. Legs are the only means of locomotion people generally have. You can see that the town must be many hundreds of years old or else the streets would not be so narrow. We went for a route-march the other day along what is known as Eastbourne road, and saw much of the estate of the Duke of Devonshire, the present Governor-General of Canada. We stopped at an old church that dates from the time of Edward, the Confessor in 1042. In the old churchyard there are tombstones in memory of men who died many hundreds of years ago.

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Many of the tombstones are simply large rectangular things with the longest side on the ground. When these stones were placed there in bygone ages they doubtless sat quite upright upon the ground but now there is a considerable slant on the tombstones which shows the movement of the grounds throughout the long period of time.

Well, Rachel au revoir, for now. Write to the same old address at the Army Post Office, London, England. Be sure to put in the full address as I wrote it in the first letter I sent you.

From
Joseph

(over)

To-morrow we go on a pleasant route-march to the town of Eastbourne. Eastbourne is the city in which Colonel Fitzgerald, the private-secretary of Lord Kitchener who was also drowned with Lord Kitchener at the same time was buried. I like route-marches and I am glad this one is coming on.

Say do you remember that old fool and junk-dealer, Charlie Green who used to live in a shack by Beecroft's behind our old stable at Cedar Cone? Well, to tell the real truth he is in Seaford. I saw him several times but I never spoke to him and will never do so. I am glad he does not recognize me. He still has a long tongue on him. I heard him babbling away to some fellows of the great junk-dealer he used to be in Vancouver. He said he was in partnership with an old Jew named Frank on Water Street.

One of the fellows of our Company who knew him when he was in Vancouver told me he was to the front once and was returned wounded. I see him wandering around every now and then.

Well, au revoir again, - I am going to a concert to-night, so I had better quit now.



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