

## JACK BEST RECEIVES LETTER FROM RHODES

Former Husker Captain Writes  
From France a Few Days  
Before His Death

Roscoe B. Rhodes, in a letter written to Jack Best a few days before his death on the battlefield of Sedan, tells how his thoughts turn toward the University of Nebraska, and of his hope for a successful football season at the old school. He also describes his first trip "over the top." "Dusty's" father, R. J. Rhodes of Ansley, has written to Jack expressing his appreciation of the latter's kindness to his son while a member of the football team at the university. "Dusty's" letter follows:

October 6, 1918.

Dear Old Jack:

Well, "Grimes," I would certainly like to be with you this fall to help bring home the bacon for the old school again. I suppose that right now you are in the heart of the coming season—getting the boys in fine shape for a successful year. And here in France whenever my thoughts are of the U. of N. they ramble down into the gym. There sits "Grimes" driving the soreness out of a stiff leg that has been hurt in one of the games.

I suppose a good many of the boys have gone into the service and that there will be very few old men back. That is an expected thing during these times, but the old Nebraska spirit will put football across anyhow.

Doctor Stewart, I hear, went through Paris but I was unable to see him, being on duty in the trenches.

We came through England on our way over and if I had been given a leave, I would have got you a "bit o' Bassale." England is a great place and now I do not wonder how such men as Jack Best came from these.

We landed in Liverpool and were carried over-land to South Hampton. I am now at the front and have experienced every form of warfare that a machine gunner can experience.

### Chased Boches

I have been over the top once and would have got that boche I promised you but I would have had to have on my track suit and be a marathon runner in the best condition. It was like chasing jack rabbits.

Give my regards to all the boys and tell them I'm with them in spirit and hope they win everything, which I know they will.

"Tear 'em Up" Dusty Rhodes.

His father has sent the following letter to Jack Best:

Ansley, Nebr., Nov. 29, 1918.

Mr. Jack Best,

Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

You will pardon me in writing to you as it has never been my privilege to form your acquaintance, although I somehow feel very well acquainted with you from the many good things my boy, Roscoe B. Rhodes, related of you. Roscoe had great affection for you for the many kind things you did for him out of the magnanimity of your heart.

You are doubtless acquainted with the fact that Roscoe was killed on the battle front October 25.

It grieves me to thus inform you, as his sterling qualities made him dear to me and mine. In many respects he was the "apple of my eye," but in thus losing him from our family circle, we feel that in falling to death at the battle of Sedan, he has won a glory that a lifetime of business activities would not bestow.

Please accept my kindest regards and the well wishes of his entire family for the many favors you have shown him, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. J. RHODES,

His Father.

Every once in a while we get a chuckle out of hearing some millionaire tell a friend that he is short of ready cash.

You can't have your cake and eat it, but what most of us want in this life is the joy of having a little cake to eat now and then.

We don't know much about human nature, but we've never yet met a man who did much compromising with the man he had licked.

We believe in being sympathetic, but somehow or other we find it hard to be sorry for the man who deserves all he gets.

If the world is really going to be made fit for decent people to live in something will have to be done with the man who insists on using the street car floor for a cuspidor.

Now and then we slam down the desk and leave a lot of work that we ought to do undone, just for the pure cussed delight of showing those tasks we don't have to do them if we don't want to.

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