

April 29/17

Dear Mother:

I expect you were surprised when you got my letter saying that I was leaving for France. We arrived safely and are stationed with the different batteries. One was sent over to Reading. I was sorry I did not hear from you before crossing. However, I left word with one of the boys to read and mail that came for me so I expect your letter

along any day.

I just received
Deless letter and
also a card from
John. Nicolle, he
has been in
the hospital at
home, 10 days
with a sore arm.
I expect he will
be surprised
when he gets back
to camp and
finds that I
have come
across, he was
vaccinated
a couple of
days before

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He went home on
pass, after he got
home his arse
got pretty bad
blood pressure
set in, and
he had to go to
the hospital,
where he had
to spend 10 days.
I bet Robert
would be
surprised if I
were to run
up against
him some day
you can't tell
who you may

meet around
here, I saw an
old chum of
mine that has
been over here
two yrs.

All you can hear
around this place
is a steady roar
of guns. Tell Helen
I will answer
her letter the
first chance
I get. I certainly
was glad to
get her letter.

The Canadian
punch is nearly
the same as

what they speak
around here,
some of their
words are not
pronounced
quite the same
but you can
generally ^{make} them
out. Will write
again soon
remember me
to all my friends
With love to all
Fred.

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Care of Young
9th Canadian Supt Battery
France