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My darling Matt.

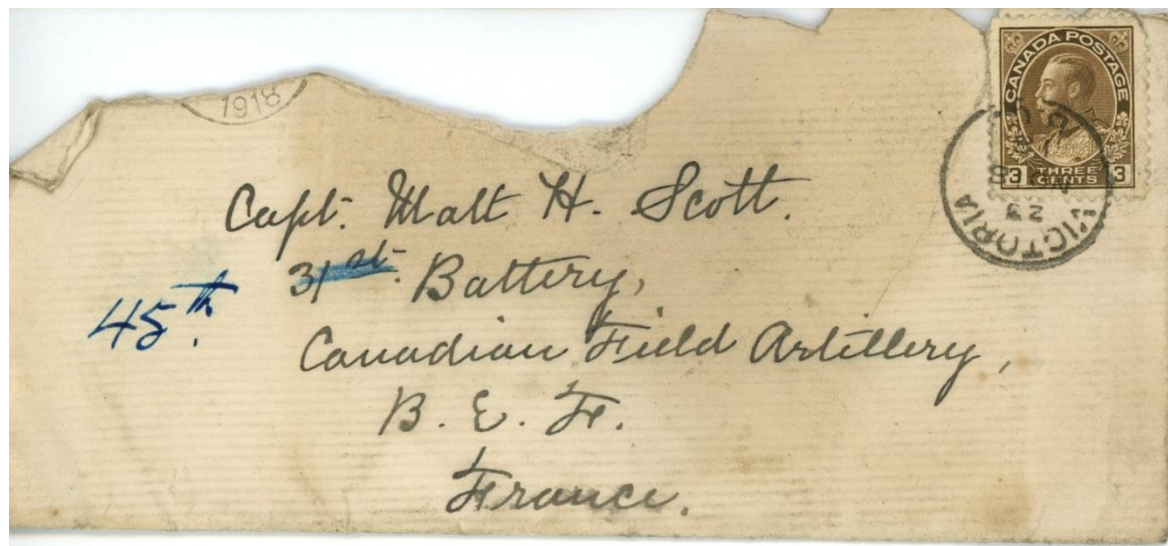
All week we have been so busy and excited over the wonderful news of "Peace". Last Monday everyone who could go, went to town to see the big Parade and crazy firecracker throwing. Gertrude and I stayed at home we were not feeling very strong after our attacks of Influenza so did not risk it. We felt just as thankful as any could feel and only hope this Peace is to last. What a comfort it is to realize there is no more horrible fighting going on. God grant it never will be resumed again and I do hope and trust this Siberian affair will soon be settled and the rest of our Canadian soldiers able to come home. We are still having a sad and serious time in Victoria on account of the Epidemic which is still very prevalent and many deaths. Connie has been helping to nurse at the Isolation Hospital in the childrens ward and Gertrude has also been nursing a young married woman over James Bay who dies this morning at 230, Her husband has been working on one of the boats on the West Coast and though telegraphed for several days ago has not been able to get home yet and the poor woman kept asking for her husband every night. Dr. Kenning stayed with her to the last, last night, also the day nurse and her sister. They could not get a night nurse so Gertrude has been going to attend to her for the last three nights. Her sister is house keeper for the "Victoria Nursing Home" it seems all her relations in town have been ill with this trouble so could not help to nurse the poor woman who was only 23 yrs old. She leave a little girl baby of about 3 years. One of the men at James Island died this morning and your father has had to send word to his widow who lives in Vancouver. Gertrude has again been phoned for, to ask her if she can take another case tonight. I went to relieve Connie on Friday afternoon at the Isolation hospital and took charge of two sick babies for a few hours. Bonnie Davis is at the Isolation hospital, has been very ill but getting better one of the nurses told me. Mrs Jackson's father is very ill from the same trouble but improving today, it seems wonderful at his age. Brainerd has been to see Mrs Weiler this afternoon, She is going to New York to see George who is there. Wince has been home with her mother but has gone back to her husband's camp on the northern California coast. He has charge of a regiment of men who cut down these spruce trees for the manufacture of Aeroplanes. I suppose their work will now end if the war is over.

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