My Dearest Mother,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am all right. And still on the move. We have got our tents with us now. They are much more trouble, but it is well worth it as the nights are cold and sometimes very wet. We are now having a few days. Our last Big march was from Vryburg to here, a distance of one hundred and thirty miles which took us nine days. That's not bad going considering we had to get the tents and everything like that ready. It was very wet last night but we were under cover all night. Some of the poor fellows must have got wet.

I went to the town yesterday and they are using the Post Office as a place for the Boers to go and give up their weapons. I saw several of them in a new suite of clothes and one of our officers asked him why they did not stick it to the end. They said they were afraid of killing all the English when we went into Vryburg. After looking around a bit we found a stores and he had some English cake. You should have seen the rush for it. We have got two days more rest and then we will be on the move for somewhere else. I received a nice long letter from Jack this morning which had started on April 27th so you can see it takes a long time to get to us. I expect there was great excitement when you heard the news of Pretoria being taken and all the prisoners relieved. You hear all those kind of things long before us as we are on the move, or they are all Dutch papers. We have had no more fighting, but our Cavalry killed nine blacks who were out looting.

We expect to be moving to Potchefstroom which is about ninety miles away south of Pretoria. They think if we get there we might be a move towards Cape Town.

I have nothing more to say just now but be sure and write soon.

With best love and kisses to yourself and all,

I remain your loving son E.F. Norman Roberts.

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