

N° 8 (MICHELHAM) HOME FOR CONVALESCENT BRITISH OFFICERS

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TELEGRAMS : { MICHELHAM-HOME
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My dear Maitland Family:

I'd like to get well! Your Christmas cable was a
mighty welcome one - thanks many times. For nearly a
week I have been up and around and next Sunday
I leave here for my unit via Paris. It is hard to
go but it has to be - visions of the tent up there
in the mud + snow begin to haunt me and
everytime I look at an orange tree loaded with
ripe fruit the other vision sort of creeps in on
the edge. All day long I stay out of doors - today
I walked 5 miles, my longest trip. Am getting
So fat my tunic will not button around me -
ration diet will soon take it off.

There are a few American inhabitants around.
Mrs Brant spoke to 2 of us on the street in
Menton the other day. Today I had her and
her two daughters up for tea, also Mr.
and Mrs. Sommerville - he is the pastor of the Scottish
Church here. Thursday I am going to have

a luncheon party - we can have 9 guests for
luncheon & tea if we arrange & pay for them. There
will be 7 including my commanding officer
Col. Collins who is on leave in Nice. Yesterday
I invited to Nice and lunched & steamed with him
at the Hotel Ruble - some place. We sat on
the Promenade des Anglais watching the crowd
and the sea. When he comes over he is bring-
ing an old friend, daughter of an ^{U.S.} army officer
- girl from Frisco. After lunch I am going to
take them to see a wonderful private garden on
the sea shore here and then drive them to Monte
Carlo - for a look around and tea at the Hotel
de Paris.

Some time - probably next winter I am
going to bring Miss Rudd down here to see the
country - it is wonderful - like California

Ice, snow, mud, army bread & coffee and a
tent will be mine again soon. Don't worry about
not having cakes & sugar there are others of
us here in the same boat - just pray for the
end. I hear a little news from the States in
the paper - how all factories were stopped for
5 days. Hope it ends the war. Do write - and
think of Kelllogg & Speed.