

Evacuation Hospital 407
A.E.F. France

July 1, 1918.

My dear Mrs Maitland:

Your note of May 20th reached me yesterday and was very welcome for the one reason, if no other, that my movements have been so wild and sudden that mail has not caught up with me. Do not recall when I wrote you last - but I was telegraphing for from Hq 42nd Division - to Base Hosp 15 and there picked up a surgical team which I lead over here via Paris. Since the night of our arrival June 15th we have worked like Trojans - the first night and day for 24 hours straight. All together there are now 5 teams on hand and we can get in a little more rest. If a letter went to you from here you learned that we live in a fine chateau, that I occupy the Comtesse "Chambre Rose" with Major Jameson and that we are enjoying the

beautiful surrounding country whenever we get time to look out of the large dining room windows - that room being our operation's hall. Around us is a beautiful grove and on the front lawn are the tents for patients. Under some trees back of the house is a canvas spread - and there we eat off board tables - its great - just like camping out and being paid for it. The food is prepared partly in the Chateau Kitchen which still retains the fine large range about 15 ft long. Some of the cooking must also be done out of doors on improved stoves. Because we are A.C.F. we can now get a little flour - and behold a hot biscuit and quiche cakes on alternate days. Should we worry? Very little has already been loosened up, one notch can't tell how far it is going to go.

Have made 2 trips up to

one front - just what I need but interesting. The
war is beautiful but the damaged towns speak
for war. Aeroplane activity is continuous and
in the whole most of the people here are getting their
first taste of front line stuff - naturally an old
set like me is absolutely indifferent.

Margaret is still back with the old unit. She
writes me that our friend Wesley has now re-
ceived his Lt Colonelcy for which I am very glad
and hope he will cool down a bit. Arrangements for
the removal of that hospital were about completed but
whether they have gone or not I do not know. My
plans to send Margaret to England are about perfected.
I expect her to go this month first to Brighton with
my aunt and cousins for a sea shore visit and
then back to the suburbs of London where I am having
my aunt get a house so that she, her widowed
daughter and Margaret can all live together. Whenever
I can get leave I shall try to take it in Brighton
of course and we can be a happy family together in
our little home. How would you like housekeep-
ing in England now?

There is no time to read just now - and almost
not enough for letters. Am off today but must
work all night and from the rumbles and noise
even I can hear it is going to be a busy night.

My very best regards to you all. Send on our throes
over 5 million and lets get this scrap finished.
It's going to take some time.

My health and disposition are A1 - my loneliness
is also but we are happy in our bit - Be you
so in yours -
Your
Kellogg Speed. Major M.P.C.
My best address will be Base Hospital 15 G.E.F. use my full title as above