

Evacuation Hosp no 12  
A. E. F. France  
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My dear Mrs Maitland:

Your kind letters of Aug 13, 14 and 28 reached me yesterday and this morning and were eagerly read. The Chicago news, the general conditions in the home land and the wonderful fine things you hear about these poor Soldiers over here who cannot fight for themselves back there, bring good cheer. Particularly was I interested in your remarks about the children - they must be fine girls by now. Ruth's birthday is about a week off. but I am miles and miles from any town where I could buy any thing for her and then it is difficult to send it. The mails are terribly uncertain and there is no redress in case of loss. I hope she will be happy on that day.

Since my attachment to this organization we have moved up a



notch and are close enough to the  
tongue than I you. There is much  
rumbling day and night and the  
flashes of guns at night still  
continue to be a wonderful attraction.  
Also we have been busy and  
in my capacity, self assumed,  
of instructor, my work has been  
arduous enough. The power that  
be seem to send me to these units  
just over and let me help work  
out things for them. Such a  
job requires tact - you know  
how short on tact I am.

A couple of days ago I took out a  
gall bladder from one of our officers  
and have been much worried  
about him - but he seems to be  
much better. That is one of the re-  
sults of the operations I gain here - it's all  
local of course - but men come  
to me for operations of election  
and I feel that professionally I  
am holding my own. But - it's  
a long war!



Margaret spent <sup>August</sup> July and September at Brighton and  
Rotherhithe. She had several experience - one being sent  
out of town by the police because her registration card  
was faulty, no aliens are allowed in sea coast towns.  
She had to go to London again - but got it fixed up.  
Now she and my aunt have taken a nice flat in  
London - 21 Auckwright Mansions, Hampstead, London  
- do write to her. They were to move yesterday according  
to a wire she sent me two days ago.

Soldiers cannot make plans. But my hopes are  
assignment to London for work at Shepherd's Bush this  
winter in the 3rd stage bone, joint, and tendon surgery  
which will quite complete my education of the war  
work after the 3 and more years. There I hope to live  
with Margaret and Aunt Ullie and possibly later  
in the Spring when I have to return to France  
she will find it safe enough to cross the Atlantic and  
start the Home fires somewhere around Chicago.

She hopes not to go home alone however. By Christmas  
of the first of the year we hope to have an additional member.  
I she says a natural born football player. I have  
made all arrangements in London for her care in a most  
exclusive Home for officers' wives, which privilege was  
granted in recognition of her and my own services to  
the British cause. By vote of the Board of 9 members.  
There she will have the best professional care - which  
many people of means could not obtain for love nor  
money. Doctors are very scarce in England and  
she writes to tell me that Sir Somebody will be  
attending at her party -

And that's that. We are both delighted and she is  
a brave woman to go through it thus quite alone



and in the face of war conditions  
and my absence - I may get there  
- who can tell. With her nice  
flat and these arrangements I feel  
quite at ease about her. At my  
age - if people are to have a family  
it seems time to start one and  
by the time the war is over  
I will be too old for that sort of  
thing so will have my family  
growing up. All that will be  
left of T in chstone will be the twinkles  
in the eye. Do write her.

My quarters here are fine - wooden  
shack cement floor and electric  
light. We are out in the field  
but have these conveniences and  
twice a week I can get a shower  
bath.

My best address is Base Hosp 15  
A E F France. My movements are  
always uncertain. The only sure  
thing about me is that I am

Yours sincerely K.S.