



HOTEL DES ANGLAIS & RUHL
NICE

Thursday 13th Dec

Dearest Mother

I have my diary letter book with me but find it hard to concentrate enough to write as my leave is slipping away so quickly and Lottie and I seem to want to be together all the time.

We have been about a good deal with Campbell and Cocksbutt and yesterday visited with them ^{and the (Glover) Roosevelt} to Cannes and had lunch. Went via Grasse up in the mountains. Truly a beautiful trip, lovely and bright and so many interesting and beautiful things to see. It was a very pleasant party and we will try and take another excursion before we go. Campbell and Cocksbutt return

today also Col Macdonald of 2nd Bde of whom I have seen a good deal. He is a fine chap and I think more of him the more I see of him. His wife was not so interesting although devoted to him. She is staying on as I would like Sarah to do as she is just now getting over the cold she contracted on the way down and is looking better but I was hoping the trip would have done her more good. I am wonderfully well and enjoying every meal and the beautiful sunshine. We are luxuriously comfortable here, splendid service and every convenience, expensive but we may as well enjoy it while we can although if I had gotten 30 days we would have looked up a quieter place.

Frank Ware is at the officer's

rest home at Cap Martin and expects to be there until
first of year. We saw him at Hotel Carlo on Sunday.
and again yesterday and asked him in to dinner tonight
but he could not come. Cayne and young Chapman are
also here but more foreign officers than Bristol. To see
the promenade one would hardly believe there was a war
and it seems possible to get everything in the way of lots.

The real season does not begin until after Triphas when
the hotels will fill up as yesterday at Cannes there hardly
seemed to be a soul. This is the place and certainly
it is a wonderful spot. I don't think the blue of the
Mediterranean is at all exaggerated in the picture
one sees. This sun was so hot this AM that I washed
without my cap and am wearing my summer
uniform. Now that we are here I wish it was for
the longer time as the journey so tedious as well as
expensive 30 francs from Paris against 17 in peace time.

Cabled Mrs Brewster that I did not feel that Sarah
should cross unless absolutely necessary and I
feel rather strongly on the subject and will write
her at length.

We are now going on our jolly to hear music
before dinner so will close as much
but Wish you were all here to enjoy this
wonderful spot.

Idl