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A.A.N.S.

I embarked on the 25th April, 1917, on the Hospital Ship, "Karooola" and we had a very quiet time on board. We had no patients until we arrived at Cape Town, and then we took in 250. We arrived in England on the 17th June, after a most uneventful voyage.

We were on call for about sixteen days in London, during which time, we were inoculated, and on the 15th July, we crossed to France, and went to the 25th General, Hardelot.

This was a large skin Hospital, near the seashore, and while there, I was eighteen months in the mess helping with the cooking, as we only had R.A.M.C. orderlies, and they knew very little about cooking.

Our quarters were very good and comfortable, being French Villas, situated a short distance from the Hospital. There were heaps of amusements for the staff, and the patients, such as concerts, badminton, tennis, hockey and golf.

It was a British Hospital, with an Australian Nursing Staff. I stayed here until the 24th January, 1919, when I left for No. 3 A.C.C.S., in Euskirchen, in Germany.

Here we took in all kinds of cases, but chiefly influenza and accidents, and the work was very heavy until the influenza abated. The Hospital was a large deaf and dumb institute, very well equipped, with central heating.

The food was fairly good, and very plentiful, and we got plenty from the Australian Red Cross. We were free to come and go as we pleased, but were not allowed to go too far alone, as some of the German people were apt to be a trifle insolent to us.

We had several trips down the Rhine to Coblenz. We did not have to pay any fare while travelling in trams, trains or buses. After four months, we handed over to the 47th C.C.S., and went to Cologne, where we waited for transport at the Sisters' Hostel.

I came straight to Boulogne, by the Express, and was there for four days, awaiting transport to England.

We crossed on the 22nd May, and I went straight down to Southwell Gardens, and am now awaiting transport to Australia.
