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I embarked on the 5th May, 1917 on the "Ulysses". We had troops and munition workers on board. I had very little duty owing to there being so many sisters and so little sickness on board. At Durban the "Suffolk" collided with us. This delayed our troopship a week while the repairs were effected. The Durban people were extremely good to the troops and to us while we remained there. The next port of call was Capetown where we remained five days waiting for our convoy. Our next port of call was Sierra Leone, but we did not land. Eventually we reached Plymouth on the 27th July. On the last day of our trip we sighted a submarine, but fortunately we escaped it.

After leave I was detailed for duty at the Croydon British Hospital which was divided into many sections, I being in the nerve section. This was a British hospital staffed by Australian sisters, the combination of which I found work most satisfactory.

Here we worked under very good conditions. The section which I was in was very well equipped. Food was rather scarce, but that was owing to the great food restrictions. I remained here until January when I was transferred to the A.A.H., Borefield, which was a very large hatted hospital. At times the work was very heavy indeed, as we had all the severe cot cases awaiting hospital ships to Australia. Here we worked under very fair conditions. The patients were all very happy and there was a fair amount of amusements for them in the way of concerts. I remained here until June, when I was transferred to France to the 1st A.G.H., Rouen. Here I found it very interesting. The work was very good and we were very busy with heavy battle casualties. This hospital was very well equipped. Our hours off duty varied according to the stress of work. We had sufficient time off to see the interesting sights in Rouen. I remained with this unit until I was transferred to England in December.

We took over the British Hospital in Sutton Veny, which was a large camp hospital. I stayed here until March, and was then transferred to No. 3 A.A.H., Dartford, where I am now awaiting transport to Australia.

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