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I embarked on the 12th June, 1917, on the "Mooltan" with 300 other sisters bound for Salonica. I disembarked at Suez, and entrained for Cairo, from which place I went on to Alexandria.

I stayed there for five days, and then embarked on the "Gorgon" for Salonica, which we reached in five days. On our arrival, we were met by ambulances, and taken to the 60th General, at Hortiach, which was a large tented Hospital, principally for malaria.

The conditions were only fair, as the place was not yet organised.

After one month here, I was transferred to the 52nd General Hospital, which was a special Hospital for malaria and surgical cases. It was a large hutted Hospital, and we worked under improved conditions. It was very well equipped, but the food was not very good on account of the fire, and the ships that had been torpedoed.

We had practically no amusements for the boys, but all of these things improved later. The Australian Red Cross were very good to us, and sent us food and supplies from Egypt.

I remained there for nine months, and was then transferred to the 42nd Dysentery Hospital, which was at Uchanta, and not well situated for a Hospital. It was on the edge of a ravine, and the mosquitos abounded there. It was here that so many of the sisters contracted malaria, and great numbers of them were evacuated to Australia.

I stayed there about six months, and the whole camp was then transferred to Kalamaria, which was a short distance from the town. The conditions here were not good, and the site on which the Hospital was situated, had previously been condemned as a dump for horses and mules.

I stayed there until we handed it over to the British, and was then sent to the 52nd General. I felt the winter here very severely, as we had no fuel whatever for the heating apparatus.

After two months, I was transferred to England, and after twenty-one days furlough, I was sent to No. 3 A.A.H., Dartford, where I am now awaiting transport to Australia.

I should like to add that the British were very good to us, and I liked working with them very much indeed.

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