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I embarked on the 7th June, 1917, on the "Mooltan" as a passenger, with 300 other sisters. We disembarked at Suez, and waited a month for transport to Salonica. While waiting, we went on duty in the British Hospitals, to relieve the other sisters, while they had their leave. I then went to Salonica on the "Osmanieh" and reached Salonica on the 19th August.

I was billeted at the Canadian Hospital, which we took over in a day or two. We were called the 52nd General. We had an Australian Nursing Staff, and an R.A.M.C. male personnel. Our cases were mixed and we had a lot of old medical cases. I was at the 52nd General for one month, and then was transferred to the 50th General. We had a lot of malaria and dysentery. I was in the medical ward, where we had some very severe cases. We lost a lot of patients from malaria. We worked under fairly good conditions. It was a hutted Hospital, but the mud was terrible, and the summer was hot. We had all British Soldiers, and they were all very good.

In August, 1918, we took in Greeks, and we were very busy with the influenza epidemic, there being only one sister to a ward of 45 Greeks, most of whom were on the D.I. list. We had practically no time off duty. The Greeks were suffering from dysentery and broncho pneumonia, and died very rapidly. They were in a terribly emaciated condition. They found them difficult to manage as they could not understand English. The food was difficult to procure at times, on account of the Submarine menace. We had no amusements here, and had to be in very early at night, i.e. half past five in the winter, and seven in the summer.

I was there until my orders came for me to embark to England and after leave, I was sent to No. 3 A.A.H., Dartford, where I am now awaiting transport to Australia.

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