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I embarked on the 18th December, 1916 on the "Kaiser I Hind" as a passenger with 59 other sisters. We called at Colombo, and disembarked at Suez, and went to the 14th A.G.H., Cairo, where the work was very heavy after the fighting, but it slackened down considerably. The conditions were excellent, and the food was fair. There were not many amusements. The Red Cross people took the patients out for drives, parties, and tead. We were very happy there, but after about six months service at the 14th General, I was transferred to the 27th B.G.H., where there were 16 Australians.

The work was very heavy. We were really relieving the British sisters as they had not had their leave through being short-staffed. We were again very happy there, and I may say that the organisation is very good in a British Hospital.

We started with medical cases, but afterwards took in eye cases; this was not very strenuous. They were very good to us, and the Imperial Matron said that she was very sorry to lose her Australians when we left. After four months, I went back to the 14th General, where I remained until I came across to England.

Subsequent to three weeks furlough, I was sent down to Dartford where I am now awaiting transport to Australia. While in Egypt, on four days special leave, we were privileged to see the City of Jerusalem, which was most interesting. We also went down to the Jordan Valley.

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