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I embarked on the 12th June, 1917, on the "Mooltan" bound for Salonica with 300 other sisters on board.

I dis-embarked at Suez, and went by Hospital Train to Alexandria, where I stayed, being one of eight sisters, at the Windsor Hotel. We were only five days here, and then went back to Cairo, picked up some more sisters, and embarked at Port Said, on the "Gorgon" for Salonica.

We arrived at our destination in July, and I was detailed for duty at the 66th General, Hortiach, which was up in the hills. We were the first sisters to arrive there, as for a few weeks it had been run by orderlies. The wards were not fully equipped, and the conditions under which we worked were very bad, but later when we got the wards -equipped, conditions improved, but for some time, the food was very scarce.

We took in a few wounded cases, but the hospital was really for malaria. There were no amusements for the patients.

I stayed there until November, when the whole camp moved to Kalamaria, on account of the weather.

The whole of the nursing staff was then transferred to the 42nd Dysentery Hospital, and this camp was very badly situated as the mud was terrible. Despite all of these bad conditions the patients did very well, and the results were very good.

We were there until May, and then moved to Uchanta, which was another badly situated Hospital. We were right on the edge of a ravine, and the mosquitos were there in thousands. Many of the sisters contracted malaria, and some of them dysentery. We felt the heat and the bitter cold very much.

In November, we returned to our old camp at Kalamaria, where the conditions had improved greatly. They had built roads, and made several additions to the Hospital, in the way of baths, and altogether we were much more comfortable that we had been for some time.

I stayed there until January, 1919, and was then transferred to the 52nd General. This was a large hatted Hospital, specially for malaria. I nursed influenza here, however.

The Hospital closed down in March, 1919, and I embarked for England, and after furlough, I went to No. 3 A.A.H., Dartford, where I am now awaiting transport to Australia.
