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I embarked on the 11th May, 1917, on the "Ascanius" with three other sisters. We had between fifteen and sixteen hundred troops on board. We had very little sickness on board, so had practically no duty. Our first port of call was Durban. Here the people were extremely good to the troops and to us, doing all in their power to make our short stay enjoyable.

We left Durban and called at Cape Town. Here we took a few more sick officers on board who were being invalided home from German East Africa.

Our next port of call was Sierra Leone. We had a case of Cerebral Spinal Meningitis which was put ashore there. We were only there for a day. The heat was very intense. We travelled with lights out, and a destroyer came out to meet us a few days out from England, but we reached England without having sighted a submarine.

We landed at Devonport, and after having disembarked our troops we proceeded to London, and I was detailed for duty at No.2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall. This is the limbo centre for the Australians and the work was not very heavy here. We worked under very good conditions. There were plenty of amusements and food for the patients, and we were most comfortably billeted.

I was only there six weeks when I was transferred to No.2 Command Depot, Weymouth. This was a large camp hospital which was only fairly well equipped. The work here was principally the local sick from the camps around. We were very happy down here. The surrounding country was very pretty indeed. The food was very good, and many concerts were provided for the troops.

I was there eight months when I was transferred back to Southall, where I only remained about a week when I was transferred to No.3 Aust. Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, which was a large hutted hospital and excellently equipped as it had been a pre-war British hospital. We were very comfortably billeted and the work was not of a very severe nature until the influenza epidemic. It was then very heavy indeed, many of the patients dying. The hours of duty were very good indeed owing to there being so many sisters, and pressure of work being slack we had practically every second day off duty.

I am now awaiting transport to Australia.

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