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MEDICAL WORK AT THE FRONT

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alleviating the pain. Then the patients are sent by boat or train to the base.

No Regard For Red Cross.

Previous to this war, the experience has always been that some regard is shown to the Red Cross, but this has not been the case in the present war. A man wearing the Red Cross has practically no consideration shown him above that shown to any soldier. Men who fall in the open in the daytime have to remain there until evening and in some cases where there is an extensive use of flares or magnesium lights wounded have had to lie out for two and three days before they are rescued. This does not happen where men fall wounded in the trenches as in these cases they are near the regimental first aid posts. The wounded are sent back to the clearing stations by boats or trains and are then in a fair way to receive first-class medical service as they are out of the gun fire, and more care can be taken of them.

The hospital trains in France are well fitted up and are complete even to kitchens where hot food of all kinds can be made and served. The base hospitals in France are usually about thirty to forty miles back from the front line. In Gallipoli, the conditions are altogether different. The peninsula is only about fifteen miles across and both sides are constantly subjected to heavy shell fire. The nearest hospital station is on the island of Lemnos some thirty or forty miles away. This is used more as a clearing station and the wounded are moved as rapidly as possible to Alexandria, Cairo or Malta, where there is a hospital. Alexandria is about 650 miles away while Malta is 800 miles away a three day's trip from the Dardanelles.

The patients are moved to these places in hospital ships which are extremely well provided. The interiors have been removed and made into wards. The beds are set up on a spring arrangement which tends to keep them flat and the danger of seasickness for the unfortunate is in this way pretty well avoided.

No. 5 Hospital was brought from England to Egypt in a hospital ship the Austurus and on this we had a splendid opportunity to study the excellent arrangements that had been made. Patients that arrived from the Dardanelles stated that their trip had been most comfortable.

In France, the wounded are moved from the Base as soon as possible. They are only kept sufficiently long enough to be put into shape for the trip which takes sometimes a week, sometimes two but not more than three weeks.

Our first wounded came when about forty men arrived from the Dardanelles on the 27th of August. These had been wounded some days before. It takes about three days to come by ship from the Dardanelles. They had come by Lemnos to Cairo 135 miles away.

These like the great majority of cases were wounded about the legs and arms with an occasional head or chest wound. There were few serious cases as to travel meant death and treatment was given earlier. A wound from a bullet further than fifty yards away makes a clean wound and if for instance a man received a bullet wound in the thigh with proper dressing the wound would be healed in ten days. Shrapnel and shell wounds however, are slower to heal, as the wound is jagged and the tissues and skin lacerated. This takes time and innumerable dressings to heal.

A peculiar thing about the cases we received is the entire lack of bayonet wounds. Other doctors have told me the same thing. The British seldom receive bayonet wounds as they are the better fighters and the other fellow gets the wound.

Within a few days after our first batch, we were filled to capacity—400 beds. Later we were asked to take more, and we increased to 500 beds, which was all we could accommodate in the barracks. Since then the hospital has been asked to take another 100 beds and with the same staff I can imagine how busy they are.

At first we received a large percentage of wounded but later we were receiving mostly sick, about three sick to one wounded. One great trouble was dysentery, a disease practically unknown here, but very prevalent in warm climates and prevalent and dangerous among troops.

I think that it was spread not so much by water as by the flies. You have heard that the flies are numerous in Egypt. When a person would be writing a letter he would be writing with one hand and chasing flies with the other and they told us that eight of us they had twenty flies to our one.

Great Lack of Linen.

With patients like this the great need was for bed and body linen, and this proved to be our greatest trouble. Up to the time that I left we had only reached one box from the Red Cross Society but since then I believe that they have received three or four. The trouble was that the authorities were receiving the same cry from all of the hospitals. They were always anxious to do everything possible for us but linen could not be got.

Fortunately we were situated very favorably on the outskirts of the city of Cairo four and a half miles from the centre of the city along a car line. Behind us were the hills, masses of rock and sand which fell rapidly to a level raise of sand a mile and a half across which carried to the delta of the Nile. In front of us was the cultivated land, from the centre of the city irrigation and this is why it is said that the Nile is Egypt. It never rains and a tradition states that it rained for half an hour in 1914 and I doubt it. We were on the edge of the desert and were able to get the pure air of the desert and escape the smells of the city. A large part of the city of Cairo is unsewered particularly in the native quarter and as there is no care of the garbage or refuse in hot weather, there is a very bad odor.

In the distance we could see the pyramids about thirteen miles away. We were five or six miles to the east of the Nile and they are about the same distance west.

The hospital is run on about the same plan as in any general hospital with a superintendent in charge. Captains are in charge of each of the wards which also has a nursing sister and ward master and two or three orderlies. Everyone has a duty, and that duty was carried out. We were looked upon as being the best equipped and best run of the hospitals in the desert and I am sure that the conversion into a general hospital, as cables stated a few days ago, would not be thought of.

The Red Cross supplies we took with us were a treasure mine. Material when required at once could not be wanted on our requisitioned for, and we were able to use our own. In fact the first request we received was to be economical with the linen, and we were able to use up all the dressings we brought with us without having to call on the authorities for supplies. There were sixty-six boxes two-thirds filled with surgical supplies.

The sights around Cairo are very interesting particularly when a street procession, a wedding or a marriage festival takes place. This is how we spent our odd hours.

Letters received stated that we were suffering from the heat. The day that I left was like a day in June except that the nights are slightly cooler.

I would like to express on behalf of the officers and men of the hospital our sincere thanks to the ladies of Kingston and vicinity for furnishing materials to us. We have endeavored to use them to the best advantage and hope that it has met with your approval.

There is one point that might be suggested however. The material was not used for Canadians but for British. As we are all fighting in the same great cause I do not see why this should make any difference. There are no Canadians in the east and the Canadians in Europe are all being looked after by Canadian hospitals. In fact Canada has done her part splendidly in attending to the medical branch, for not only has she provided all of her own hospitals for her own troops but she has also provided five others for the British troops.

The musical programme was an excellent one. The choir sang, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," and "Oh, My Redeemer." Geoffrey O'Hara sang, "Praise Him." William Eva also sang, and Gunner Keary, Queen's Battery, gave several violin selections.

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