

## LONDON UNITS.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS  
(N.U.W.S.S.).

Letters have just come through from members of the hospital Units that have gone to work for the Serbian division with the Russian Army, probably somewhere in Dobrudja. Their account of the voyage is much less exciting than might have been supposed. They saw but one submarine, possibly the *Deutschland*. It took no notice of them, and they took no notice of it.

The ship is described as comfortable and the weather was calm except for the first few days, when most of the Unit succumbed to sea sickness. They reappeared bursting with energy. "The British girls are very delightful creatures," writes Dr. Elsie Inglis. "They drill and get up sports and sing and laugh and dress up. One day a foreign officer on board turned to me suddenly and said 'C'est tout à fait nouveau pour nous, Madame!'"

"We were kept very busy all day," writes Dr. Corbett, "and had no time to be dull. In the morning after roll-call, bed-making, cabin inspection, came the drills, military, Swedish and stretcher. They were closely followed by a Russian lesson, which lasted until lunch. After lunch there was a mechanics class for the chauffeurs and a French class; after tea, Serbian classes. After dinner, card and chess parties were formed in the smoke-room, and in the saloon there was singing and various lively entertainments. One night there was a fancy dress concert, and an amazing variety of costumes was improvised, in spite of the apparent utter dearth of materials offered by a party whose only dress was uniform and whose only luggage was a kit-bag.

Boat drill had its shocks, for in case of alarm one never knew whether it was false or the real thing. The numbers of the lifeboats to which the members of the Unit were to go in case of accident were given out on the first day. Orders were that when an alarm was given they were to be at their places in three minutes' time with a lifebelt and as much warm clothing as could be collected.

The captain sounded the alarm for practice one day, and the whole Unit mustered in excellent order. Some thought the alarm a real one, and were almost disappointed that it was not.

On Sunday Dr. Elsie Inglis read the service, as the captain was not able to come down. The captain is apparently in advance of British public opinion.

The arrival of the Units at a port in Russia was fraught with picturesque incidents. They disembarked in the evening, and arrived at the station at 10.30. Their train was to leave at 1.30. Three hundred Russian soldiers did them the honours of the port, so that the midnight hours passed festively. They sang patriotic songs and danced and cheered. The ship's company, who took the greatest interest in the proceedings, improvised a band.

One steward was inspired to coin a new word. The ship had often carried troops, he said, but this was the first time they had had "troopesses" on board. Apparently they enjoyed it.

Such has been the beginning of the long journey of the Scottish Women's Units. By wire we know they have passed Moscow and Odessa. We believe they are now in the Dobrudja, face to face with the grim realities of war.

The Unit is splitting into three sections. Hospital A is to be under Dr. Inglis, Hospital B under Dr. Chesney; while the transport section, under the Hon. Evelina Haverfield, is to be in a separate camp.

Subscriptions for these hospitals, which are being supported by the London Committee of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, are urgently needed, and should be sent to the Joint Treasurers, the Lady Cowdray and the Hon. Mrs. Spencer Graves, 66, Victoria Street, Westminster.

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