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Wednesday 20

Told to get ready to go on hospital ship to-day. Have been real well looked after here. Have not been out of bed yet. Left the ward about 3:30 taken down to pier in ambulance, then on to a lighter and out to the Aquatania in the steam, getting on board about 7 p.m. Beautiful ship. She is full of wounded & sick. Tried to walk a bit to-night and felt very groggy.

Thursday 21

Sailed about 7 a.m. this morning. Hardly a motion in the boat. Am getting a little solid food. Did not get much sleep last night. Ship is travelling very fast. Walked a little to-day, but can't stand much of it. Cigarettes were served out to-day.

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Friday 22

We are having a good trip. Sea is very calm. Went up on top deck in light to-day. Had a little walk round. This is a huge ship. The lift is just like one in a big building and passes floor after floor. The boat is beautifully decorated. Many of the paintings have been taken down, but there are some left. The staircase is beautiful. I did not stay on deck long and was glad to get back to my bed again. We were asked to-day what hospital we would like to go to. I said Birmingham so as to have a chance to meet Mr. Hobbs' people.

Saturday 23

We are having very calm weather. Saw several ships to-day. A N.Z. ship died in our ward to-day. I changed my destination to London as that is a ship I know from before going there. A man fell overboard this morning, ship pulled up and he was rescued after being in the water some time. Am still on light diet.