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SPECIAL MAY SUPPLEMENT.

As the May issue of the journal was unavoidably detained until well into the month, it was thought advisable, as May 22nd would complete the year's active service of our Unit, to withhold its issue still further, until some sort of record was included relative to the year's work. An attempt has, therefore, been made to include the necessary record in this supplement, and, as such, we commend the following pages to our readers.

MEMORIES OF A YEAR.

The constitution of our Unit on leaving Wellington on May 22nd, 1915, was eight officers and eighty six men, and our mission was to establish a 200 bed hospital in the Field. Sydney was reached by the s.s. "Marama" on the 26th, and after spending a few days in Sydney we departed by the P. & O. steamer s.s. "Moldavia." The "Moldavia" called at Melbourne, Adelaide, Fremantle, Colombo, Aden, and Suez, and arrived at Port Said on July 1st. Here the Unit was temporarily split up, half travelling the sa me day to Cairo by rail, where they mainly staffed the now New Zealand General Hospital, pending its being taken over by the No. 2 Stationary Hospital some months later.

The remainder of our Unit immediately set to work in Port Said, and fitted out a hospital on a barren sand area, in less than two weeks—15 days after arrival in Port Said 150 patients were received.

Several shiploads of serious cases arrived direct from Gallipoli during the first month, and the hospital was soon full. As already stated the establishment was 200 beds, but for a good while nearly 400 patients were attended to by our Unit, which was reduced to half strength by the details at Cairo, and without, at first, any nursing sisters. Before leaving Port Said our establishment was increased to 400 beds, and the staff increased correspondingly. We remained on the Port Said site during the months of July, August, September, and left Alexandria by the H.M.T.S. "Marquette" on October 19th.

The next few months' history of the hospital is given by the Officer Commanding in this month's issue, to which we would refer readers. This account deals fully with the work done by our Unit at Salonika, and describes our experiences till arrival at Port Said on March 9th.

The next few days after our arrival at Port Said were spent in transferring our large equipment to Moascar Camp at Ismailia. An auxiliary hospital had already been started here on a site around which the New Zealand Division was camped. This was taken over by our Unit, and we started off with about 400 patients. Since taking over the site much labour has been spent, and to-day the hospital is in almost perfect order.

The total number of patients treated since our Unit commenced operations are papended below, as follows:—