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so fast as almost to threaten to overwhelm us. But we have taken it all and asked for more. Twice has our capacity of 1040 patients been exceeded, marques being erected to accommodate the surplus. On May 14 we reached a figure of 1097 and on June 2 the figure was 1078. At time of writing we are twenty-two over capacity, and have handled in this hospital altogether 5130 patients. During ordinary times we average about 35 patients a day while during Convoy week, that is, the week we are on duty for the district, which comes once in every four, we take in from 100 to 150 a day. In this connection we have other interesting statistics we would like to give, but space won't permit. We will reserve them for a later date and pass on to a brief resume of the origin and organization of the corps. The idea of organizing this hospital for active service first germinated in the minds of Majors Monro and Proctor. They succeeded in interesting the medical profession of Vancouver. It was their intention to have it a Vancouver unit. They conferred with Lt. - Col. (then Major) Hart, of Victoria, and he, while heartily endorsing the project, proposed that the extent of its representation should be enlarged to take in all British Columbia. Thus it was arranged. Major Hart immediately wired the offer of the hospital to the military authorities at Ottawa. Rather to their surprise it was turned down. This was in February, 1915, and nothing

further was heard of the matter until May 30, when orders suddenly came through to Major Hart to "go ahead.," He did so and the medical profession and the people of B. C. backed him up splendidly. Major (then Capt.) Burris, followed by Capts. Clark and Wilson, went to Victoria as recruiting officers in June and it took very few weeks to bring the unit up to strength (real strength, mind' you!) as far as the men were concerned. The nursing sisters and medical officers joined later. The undertaking was financed largely by public and private subscription. Lists were opened in the chief centres and the response was very generous. The B. C. branches of the St. John's Ambulance and Red Cross Societies joined in the good work. Lt. - Col. McTavish (then Major) as secretary of the former body was a prime mover in a campaign prosecuted so energetically that the "sinews of war," were forthcoming with astonishing promptitude. The corps was equipped and fairly well trained in a space of three months and on August 21 the great day arrived. We sailed for England.

OUR CASUALTY LIST

Those sick in Hospital at time of going to press: Sgt. Jones, S1, Cpl. Newens, S1, Ptes. A. Bent, H3, G. Scott, E2, J. Buckley, D3 J.J. Hamilton, A2.