

cers with whom I have had to deal. We went into the whole subject of the unit, its field of usefulness, and he is the first man I have met since leaving home who seemed to appreciate and welcome what the University has sent out for service. He at once arranged that we should proceed to Saloniki by a hospital ship, and in a day or two we were ordered to reship our equipment and embark on one of the Castle liners acting in that capacity. He also got the wires busy for me and located my nursing staff, who in the meantime had been flying all over the Mediterranean and Aegean Sea in another hospital ship. He issued orders for them to be taken from the boat on his return to Malta, and this was done. He also accompanied us to this point, and from my first introduction to him has done everything in his power to help us to get away to a good start.

#### LANDED AT SALONIKI.

“We landed on Wednesday afternoon, the 10th of November, and immediately proceeded to the camp site that had been allotted to us on the main Monastir road, about four and a half or five miles from the city. We were the first general hospital to arrive on the ground, and consequently have got what I think is by far the choicest location available. The local base officers, with whom we have to deal, found it necessary to ask us to receive patients the day we arrived, so we admitted about 40 on Thursday night, and the stream has kept up ever since. You can imagine what this meant. Pitching the canvas, unpacking the goods, equipping every tent and bed, was no small matter; but it was done with so much enthusiasm and cheerfulness that at the end of five days we had practically the whole of our canvas up and equipped. In three days we had 250 patients, and at the end of the week we were up to what has been our average ever since, viz., 450 to 650. To-day about the latter number are occupying our beds. The ordinary routine of general hospital work has been carried on from the outset without a hitch, and our daily admissions vary from 40 to 50, to, on one day, over 200, and the discharges to duty and to the hospital ships average from 30 to 70 or 80; so you see we are getting at once into the constant grind which it will be from now on as long as the hospital is established, taking the patients in one door, sorting them out, administering to all their needs, sending to the hospital ships those cases that are suitable and must be returned, and holding for treatment those who will be available for duty within a reasonable length of time.