

Serving with the British Army in France and Belgium, the Red Cross now has 1,100 motor ambulances, also 60 with the French Army, and 25 with the Belgian.

A complete convoy of 50 motor ambulances has been sent to Mesopotamia and 51 to Italy. Between the time of arrival in Italy and May, 1916, the British ambulances there had travelled 341,543 kilometres and carried 46,000 patients through rough mountain tracks.

In London, the heavy work of transporting the sick and wounded from the trains to the various hospitals has been done by the Red Cross through volunteers, who have lent or given a fleet of motor ambulances and motor cars. By August, 1916, 111,000 men had been moved in this way, and while trains arrived at all hours of the day and night, not a single wounded man has ever been kept waiting. Blankets, hot-water bottles, hot drinks, and everything else the men need are provided.

It costs \$22,000 a week in maintenance alone to keep the fleet of ambulances on the road. Will your municipality share the cost for a day, a week, or longer?

Hospital Trains.—Four hospital trains, capable of carrying 500 men each, have been placed at the disposal of the Army in France. They are as comfortable as they can be made and contain an operating table, dispensary, kitchens, etc., and an expert staff. On occasion a train has been run to a siding, and an urgent operation has been performed during the journey home. In less than twelve months one of these has carried over 26,000 patients and travelled 26,000 miles. It was also one of these in which His Majesty the King travelled after his severe accident while reviewing the troops.

Hospital Motor Boats.—The Mesopotamia expedition has called for the organization of a Red Cross transport service by a fleet of thirty motor ambulance boats on the Tigris. In addition, a shallow-draught, paraffin-driven hospital ship, with 160 cot cases and an ice-making plant, has been built specially at a cost of \$75,000. It is being sent to Basra in sections and will be ready for work in the course of October.