

Countries British Voluntary Aid members have given of their best.

The story of those who took part in the great retreat in Serbia has been told so well that I need do no more than touch upon it, but it proved that our women, who went to the succour of these defeated but unconquered people, have courage and skill in an extraordinary measure.

In Malta and Egypt the members have worked splendidly in the great hospitals, always under the direction of fully trained nurses. In Belgium they are still at work, but not in the numbers that went to that stricken country in the early days of the war, when the sudden invasion of the enemy devastated the fair lands and the beautiful old cities which were beloved not only by their own people, but by thousands of travellers who grieve to know of the wanton destruction of some of the most exquisite buildings in the world.

Quite recently, however, a V.A.D. member who has worked in an Anglo-Belgian Hospital for nearly a year told me that it was so regular an occurrence for enemy aeroplanes to bomb the town that no one took any notice of them, especially as they seldom do any real damage.

*Newfoundland.* Several members of the Ambulance Detachment of the First Newfoundland Regiment fell in Gallipoli, one of them whilst performing a deed of greatest gallantry.

*Orange Free State.* A great many ladies have