

everyone who comes in, and trying to send them out better, if possible, and, if not happy, contented and satisfied that we have done everything that lies in our power for them.

“Our greatest need at the present time is an adequate water supply. At present everything is delivered in water carts, and has to be hauled from a well about three miles away. This means that the supply is always limited, and sometimes we are decidedly short. We are chlorinating and boiling all that we use, and, believe me, I do not know what the real taste of food is now. Everything is permeated with the flavor of chlorine, some days much worse than others, but it is surprising what you can get accustomed to when you have to.

NEED SUPPLIES.

“About the cases, motor-lorry, ambulance, etc., that you are sending out to us, I hope the authorities in England will forward them right along, as they will be particularly useful. We are just beginning to find out what our needs are going to be, and judging by the present weather we are going to need lots of comforts, especially warm clothing, mitts, socks and such things.

“The weather during the past few days has been exceptionally cold. The ground is at present covered with snow, and this is accompanied by a high wind, which makes it very difficult to keep the patients, let alone the nursing staff, in anything like approaching a degree of comfortable warmth. . . . We are informed that the present weather is exceptionally severe for this time of the year and that we must expect some severe conditions during January and February, but I fancy you can count on it that the weather will be something like our December or March at home. At any time since we have been here the nights have always been very cold, the temperature commencing to drop about 3 p.m. and remaining down until the sun has been up for two or three hours in the morning. In the summer I believe it goes to the opposite extreme and becomes very hot and dry, so that we will have to prepare for practically all conditions. Fortunately the officers and nursing sisters were provided with rubber boots during the past few days or we would have suffered considerable inconvenience from wet feet, etc. The men have to endure a good deal of discomfort, and I tried, unsuccessfully, to secure for their use a supply of rubber boots from the authorities here. Failing in this, I was able to get them an issue of the very heavy, coarse English military boots, which has helped matters considerably for the time being.