

Southland Hospital,
Invercargill,
June 5th, 1915.

To the Editor,
KAI TIAKI.

DEAR MADAM,—I have received a letter from Nurse R. Lindsay, No. 2 General Hospital, British Overseas Expeditionary Force. She went on a holiday trip to England about eighteen months ago. When war broke out she volunteered for active service, and when she wrote she said she was very glad to be able to attend to the men and give them more comforts. The station she was in was bombed some time before by Germans. The last I heard of her she was doing special night duty in an officers' ward at a chateau some miles from the hospital. She is accompanied by a medical officer, and chaffeur. Miss Lindsay enjoys her work but feels a little homesick at times.

Nurse McLeod, another Southland nurse who was in England, is at the front.

Sister Wright, who sailed by the "Moldavia," wrote to me from Fremantle; several of the nurses had been sick and had not been able to go on deck. The nurses had physical drill every day; then each nurse had to give a lecture to the Ambulance men on board (about 80). Sister Wright's subject was "Amputations and Treatment," "Hæmorrhages and treatment." The men all seemed much interested.

Captain Stout told Miss Cameron that she gave a splendid lecture. She mentions that Miss Cameron is very good to them; they have concerts and an occasional dance. They all enjoyed sight-seeing at Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

The staff of the Southland Hospital subscribe monthly to the Patriotic Fund and several other funds in connection with this horrible war.

Nurse McRae, the only candidate this time, has passed her final examination.

Yours sincerely,
J. EWART.

Nurse Cora Anderson writes from London, May 20th :—

"We all arrived safely and well yesterday. Nurse Cormack had a sharp attack of sciatica, but is better now, and no one else had worse than sea-sickness or a cold.

We all enjoyed the ports immensely, and our train ride from Plymouth up was lovely,—hyacinths, primroses, etc., growing wild and everything looking green and lovely. We had a consort from Teneriffe, I believe, though we did not see it. We are all going to base hospital in Egypt and leave immediately. Are going up to the High Commissioner's office now. There are twenty-five of us here, and the rest are in smaller parties at other homes. We were met at Plymouth by Mr. Eley from the New Zealand Office and had a reserved carriage.

LATER—

We have been up to the office and are to go again this afternoon. We leave either in three days or ten by transport from London Docks. Mr. Mackenzie is taking us to afternoon tea to-morrow and to Buckingham Palace on Saturday. We have had no mail so far but hope there may be some to-day. I think there was a New Zealand mail on the "Lusitania" and hope there was none for us. London is full of recruiting bands, and enlistment advertisements and uniform."

France,
February 27th, 1915.

DEAR _____

I have been meaning to write and thank you for your last letter, but things have happened so busily with me that there has not been much time for letters. Within a day or two of receiving your letter, I left Honolulu for England, arriving November 2nd; joined the British Red Cross Society at once and was detailed for foreign service on the 14th unit. We were all ready and waiting when there came some hitch in the proceedings, and no more units were sent abroad by the Red Cross. We then accepted service at Home, and my friend and I went down to Hampshire and opened an auxiliary hospital for the Red Cross. It was in Lady Rosemary Portal's house, which she gave up entirely for a hospital except her own rooms and ours. We had three delightful months down there, though not much nursing as our patients were mostly convalescent when they came to us. We then, through the New Zealand Office, joined Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and have signed for one year, or less if the war should end sooner.