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The Official War Historian of the Commonwealth Government (Dr. C. E. W. Bean), after his study of the collection of private war records preserved in the Australian War Memorial Library, wrote :—

"The private diaries in this collection furnish some of its most valuable historical records, but, like all private memoirs which were not compiled with any historical purpose, they should not be regarded as first-hand evidence except where it is certain that they are so. The diarist is almost always sincere in his desire to record accurately, but he is subject to no obligation or inducement to indicate whether he is recording his own observations or incidents told him by friends or heard at third or fourth hand at the mess-table. Thus, in some of the diaries in this collection, scenes described with vivid detail, and without any warning that they are told at second or third hand, have been found to be completely inaccurate in important details. A certain number also have been written up or revised long after the events, though doubtless usually from notes made at the time. In most cases the student must rely on his experience and on internal evidence to guide him in judging what is and what is not likely to be historically accurate."

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Sir

With regard to my movements when connected with the Army Nursing Service abroad I have to report as follows,-

I left Adelaide on 27th. Nov., 1914 for Melbourne where I joined the hospital ship "Kyarra" and sailed for Egypt where, after landing, I was sent to No. 2. Australian General Hospital at Mena House and later to No. 1. Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis where I stayed for a few weeks and then returned to Mena House. Here I stayed until the Gallipoli Landing after which I was transferred to Ghezira Palace for the purpose of assisting to establish another branch of the No. 2. A.G.H. From there I was sent, on Sep. 1st., 1915 to Alexandria where I was put on duty at the 21st. British Hospital to await the arrival of the hospital ship "Formosa" on which ship I did transport duty in the Mediterranean from the middle of Oct. to July 1915 and from there was sent to the British ~~General~~ ^{Military} Hospital at Bagthorpe, Nottingham, England where I remained for six months after which time I was recalled and put on duty at Dartford No. 5. Convalescent Hospital. After staying there for a few weeks I was sent to France and stayed there until the signing of peace in Nov. 1919, during which time I was for six months (from Dec. 1917 to May 1918) at No. 3. Australian Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium. I left France in Dec. 1918 for England and returned to Australia where I was on duty at Keswick, S.A. until appointed Matron of the Broken Hill and District Hospital. I am on the Army Reserve List.

Yours faithfully,

JANET SINCLAIR Wood
R.A.N.S.R.

The Secretary of War Records,
Department of Defence.

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