

# Albums, letters and journal from the Scottish Women's Hospital, Salonika

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The Scottish Women's Hospitals were founded in World War I by Dr. Elsie Inglis LRCPEd., LRCSEd. & LRFPSGlasg., 1892, to show that British women could serve their nation in wartime, which would then (it was hoped) prove them worthy of the vote in peacetime. The hospitals were in France, the Mediterranean and in Serbia for the 1st Serbian Division serving on the Russian Front. The archives here are of the hospital at Salonika. The hospitals closed in 1918 and women in the UK were granted the right to vote.

### 1 1917

Photograph album with snaps of the Scottish Women's Hospital, Salonika, showing the barracks, patients, staff and troops; the unveiling of Mrs Harley's monument by the Archbishop of Serbia; S.W.H. concert parties and entertainments; Turkish refugees; the great fire of Salonika, August 1917; the peasantry haymaking, threshing corn, ploughing, watering horses and leading brushwood; Bulgar prisoners; St Dimitri and Sta Sophia; the convalescent camp at Hortiach; the barracks, garage and field kitchen of the new camp; the hospital train; the Seaforth Highlanders; Belgrade and the Lister Hostel of the S.W.H.; on board the hospital ship; Divona; collection of black and white and hand coloured local post cards.

### 2 1916, September - 1917

Typed copy of a journal and letters written by a member of the Scottish Women's Hospitals giving an account of life behind the Serbian lines, of the shelled and battered Turkish towns, the dilapidated plaster and mud Macedonian villages, the mountainous terrain and the poor roads. The writer describes treating the wounded at the first hospital behind the lines; the advance of the Russian steamroller; the French and Senegalese forces; their camp by Ostrovo; Mrs Harley's ambulance in which the wounded were conveyed; the hospital consecration service attended by Prince George and Prince Alexander and Generals Vassich and Troubridge and the heroism of the wounded and dying Serbian soldiers.

### 3 1918, January

Scrapbook of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, American Unit, Ostrovo, with poems, prose, photographs and drawings.