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"JUST LIKE STORY BOOK" STATES
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A charming pond, dotted by graceful swans, is a part of the national beauty of the hospital surroundings in a French village, as described by Miss Christine M. Murphy, former Camp Green base hospital nurse who is now in foreign service.

Miss Murphy belongs to the Boston unit, Base Hospital No. 41, which left the United States a month ago. Other nurses stationed at Camp Greene who were called with the same unit were Misses Ahearn and Hart. They had been here for more than two months before the call. Miss Murphy was in B-5 on night duty during a part of her stay here and was later connected with the operating room staff.

The following letter, received last Saturday, is to Miss McNaney, nurse in the eye clinic:

"Pouyes les Eaux,
"Nieve, France.

"Had a wonderful trip over—some-what adventurous—we will have lots to tell you.

"Was so pleased to really arrive in France. And what a wonderful place this is. It is just like stepping out of a story book. We have taken over old hotels. We have a park around our house and the main chateaux and there are the most charming baths. We have a little pond with the dearest white swans in it and the girls say there are deer in the park. I haven't seen them as yet. But it is a wonderful place to stroll and enjoy nature.

"Have a spring of mineral water right on the grounds. As yet I do not really enjoy drinking it however.

"Last night we returned from a nearby camp where some of we girls were sent to establish a base hospital. worked very hard and experienced the hardships of existing conditions in France.

"I was much surprised to find the unit of orderlies that left Camp Greene there. The boys were glad to see us as we were to see them. (It is believed that the men referred to are the forty-five orderlies who were sent from the Camp Greene base hospital on July 1.)

"We start our real tours of duty tomorrow. It will be rather monotonous as we have but a few patients.

"We plan to go down to the village this afternoon to buy some candy sticks and to see if we can get any chocolate. We cannot go to the village without a pass.

"Bicycle riding is the chief form of amusement here but I have not participated as yet. I wish they used side cars.

"Be sure and remember me to the Camp Greene nurses that remain.

"Yours,

"CHRISTINE M. MURPHY,
"Base Hospital No. 44, A. E. F."

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