

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. Left camp at 7 30 am Divisional training. Marched through Heliopolis. Attack practice, Colonel Stuart and General Bidwell highly pleased at result. Colonel Stuart shouted few scouts (50 piastres). Arrived back at camp 4 30 pm.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. Left camp 7 30 am. Crossed desert. Bob Rawlings and I flank guard for main body. Trench digging. Arrived back at camp 4 pm. Nelson company formed "fire piquet" all night.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. Revellie 7 am. Breakfast 8 am. Getting ready for an all night out in the desert. Doctors parade for "vaccination". Left camp 6 pm for all night attack practice, 10 platoon tolled off for luggage guard. Arrived at destination off Suez Road 11 30 pm. Entrenching till 3 am. Attacked by scouts at dawn.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. Still on desert after last nights bivouac. After breakfast marched about 2 miles further on. Each individual platoon attempted to put Machine Gun out of action, 10 platoon very successful. Arrived back at camp 3 30 pm. Very tired, went to bed 7 o'clock.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast 8 am in camp all day getting ready for night duty. Equipment inspection in morning and paid 68 piastres (14/-). 11 am Adjutants parade. Fell in at 5 45 pm parade cancelled. There will be alarm late tonight or early in morning, sleep with clothes on, rifles and equipment to be in readiness.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Alarm in the night 12 30 am marched 5 or 6 miles across desert. Attacked imaginary enemy at dawn. Returned to camp in time for breakfast. Tent inspection in morning. Mounted guard at 4 15 pm.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Church parade 10 am. Medical inspection 11 30 am. Came off guard 6 am in morning. Leave for rest of day. Stayed in camp and wrote to home and Frances Norriss. Very sleepy and tired after night duty and guard, went to bed in afternoon.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. Mobilising parade, every necessity in pack and one blanket. Left camp 9 am marched through Zeitoun passed Virgin tree to church also Obelisk, came out at power house and then marched across desert home, arrived back at camp 5 30 pm. Carried no pack or rifle all day re vaccination. Officers first parade with packs on.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Very foggy all morning, cleared up at 11 am. Left camp 7 45 am marched across desert. Attack and retreat practice. Carried no pack or rifle all day re vaccination. Arrived back at camp 4 pm.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. Parade 9 30 am. Section and platoon drill till 11 am. Street lighting practice till 1 pm. Adjutants parade in afternoon from 2 pm till 3 30 pm, no rifles re vaccination. Warned for guard but was kindly relieved by Spotty Westrupp as I was slightly ill through vaccination.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. Stayed in camp all day. On light duty re vaccination, half Nelson Coy on sick parade. Wrote to mother. First day in new mess room.