

Monday 15th. First parade 9 am, full marching order. Marched through Ismailia, attack practice on desert on other side of reservoir and Lake Tismah, arrived back at camp 4 45. On outpost tonight 9 and 10 platoon only.

Tuesday 16th. Came off outpost duty at daybreak was allowed to miss 9 am parade. 10 30 am swimming parade. 2 pm company drill, rifle cleaning. 7 pm night duty.

Wednesday 17th. 9 am full marching order, full rations marched around Lake Tismah, fire control practice (swim in lake). Was put on mat for insolence to an N.C.O. sentenced to 2 hours pack drill by Sandy, my first appearance on the mat.

Thursday 18th. Did one hours pack drill 6 30 till 7 30 am. First parade 9 am, Batallion drill under Major Loach. Did one hours pack drill 6 30 pm till 7 30 pm.

Friday 19th. First parade 9 am. Musketry order, competition of marching past for all company. Won by Machine Section, 1st Cant. Second. 2 pm full marching order under Major Loach. Trench jumping practice.

Saturday 20th. Kit and rifle also ammunition inspection in morning. Football match in afternoon 8 section v 7 section, result 1 goal each socca. Swim afterwards in Suez. Played euchre in evening.

Sunday 21st. First parade 9 am, swimming parade, afterwards church parade on football ground. Leave in afternoon went to socca match Canty Batallion v Ismailia, result Cant 5 Ismailia nil.

Monday 22nd. First parade 9 am till 12 30 pm practice of mounting and remounting guard. 2 30 pm skermishing under Major Loach. Played euchre and crib in evening.

Tuesday 23rd. First parade 9 am. Sized out before leaving camp. Marched through Ismailia Greek and Italian quarters, lovely march band as usual, afterwards, guard mounting competition in gardens won by A Nelson Coy. Swimming parade in afternoon and march through Ismailia again. Played crib in evening. On fatigue from 8 30 pm till 9 30 pm.

Wednesday 24th. First parade 8 30 am, haversack rations, field shooting practice. Swimming parade in afternoon. Played crib in evening. Arrival of N.Z. mail two letters from home, five others.

Thursday 25th. First parade 9 am, haversack rations. Marched through Ismailia to other side of Lake Tismah, distance judging practice, afterwards swimming parade. News of departure for Zeitoun tomorrow. On quarter guard 24 hours. All lights out German aeroplanes about.

Friday 26th. On guard all day. Busy packing up, breaking up of camp, ready for departure for Zeitoun. Came off guard 5 45 pm. Concert around camp fire in evening, good programme, ladies present. Bivouac.