

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Revellie 3 30 am, breakfast 4 30 am. Left per train for Cairo 8 30 am. On aeroplane guard while waiting for train at station. Arrived Zeitoun 12 30 pm. Pitching tents in afternoon. Wrote to mother.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Church parade 9 am. Paid in morning 136 piastres (20/-). Leave in afternoon stayed in camp and wrote letters. Issue of butter, first for over two months. Played cards in evening.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1915. First parade 9 am, company and platoon drill. Major Brereton spoke a few words on our work at Suez canal, he being very pleased with same. General Godley spoke to Nelson Company on our good work at canal, he being highly delighted and also considered us very lucky at being the first New Zealanders in action. 2 pm platoon and section drill. Went to Cairo in evening.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. First parade 9 am, section drill competition won by no. 12 platoon. Washing clothes parade in afternoon, boot inspection. Big whirlywind in afternoon, long line of dust thousands of feet in the air, very pretty. Getting prepared for big day tomorrow.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>. Revellie 5 am, breakfast 6 am. Big attack practice all New Zealand troops (8000) engaged and about 8000 Australians, including Ceylon and Egyptian troops. Biggest day we've had since we have been in force, marched 28 miles. Left camp 7 am first spell Abbasseih Barracks then marched 1 ¾ hours without spell. Returned to camp at 8 pm dead tired.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. Very easy day today. Feet parade in morning, did nothing all day, Supplied with new boots and new putty's. Played cards all day.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. First parade 9 am. Marched through Zeitoun and native quarters, passed Virgin tree, returned to parade ground 10 45 am. Battalion drill on night work under Major Loach. Nelson company selected guard and gave an exhibition on how a guard should parade and turn out under Captain Salmondson, adjutant. Did nothing all afternoon. Left camp (whole of N.Z. and Aus. Forces) 8 pm for all night attack work.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>. Returned to camp 9 30 am after an all night attack practice. Breakfast 10 am. Paid 136 piastres (20/-). I was escort for prisoner Bond in afternoon at orderly room. Leave till 10 pm. Wrote to mother in evening. Stayed in camp all day.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. Church parade in morning. Leave for rest of day. Went to Virgin tree and Holy Dell in evening with Walker. Afterwards went to picture show in camp.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>. Trousers and cap inspection in morning. Tea 4 pm. 5 pm night march of four hours.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>. First parade 9 am, marched through Zeitoun and Hetmeih, arrived back 11 30 am. Washing parade in afternoon.