

Sunday 4th. Church parade 8 am. Issue of clothing two suits, socks and underclothing. Stayed in camp and wrote letters and postcards of self. No leave from camp, preparing for departure from Egypt.

Monday 5th. Parade 8 30 am in order of boats. Dust storm, all parades cancelled owing to dust. Sharpened bayonet, packing of valances in preparation of departure from Egypt. Arrival of N.Z. mail none for me, disappointed.

Tuesday 6th. Mobilisation parade. Alphabetical roll call by companies on Battalion parade ground. No more parades for rest of day.

Wednesday 7th. Parade full marching order, with oil sheets. Valance inspection, afterwards packing of base kits. Our departure postponed, getting disheartened, will we ever get away from here. 12th and 13th with band went for march around through Zeitoun to Koubbeh de Palace and back through Zeitoun and Helmeih to camp.

Thursday 8th. Parade 8 30 am full marching order water bottles filled, but not allowed to drink, otherwise will be crimed. Marched to Demerdache over ditches and stone walls etc. arrived back at camp 12 30 pm. Parade 2 pm instruction by Captain Houlker (3rd Reinforcements) in bayonet fighting Japanese style.

Friday 9th. Medical inspection 9 am. Repacking of base kits. Issue of "iron rations". Left camp 8 pm for Palais de Koubbeh station, off to the front 24 hours rations, left P de K 10 45 pm for Cairo where we change lines. Left Cairo for Alex midnight.

Saturday 10th. Arrived Alexandria 5 15 am went on board boat (Itonus) about 8 30 am. Left for Dardanells 4 pm.

Sunday 11th. 6 45 am Physical drill. 10 am Church parade conducted by Major Brereton. 11 pm life belt parade. Free for rest of day.

Monday 12th. Physical drill 6 15 am. Full marching order 9 30 am. 2 pm Musketry order, rifle cleaning parade. Tug and barges broke away 8 pm, steamer stopped, but failed to find them in the dark, will wait till daybreak tomorrow. Raining.

Tuesday 13th. Heavy sea running very cold wind. Physical drill 6 15 am, sighted tug and two barges lost last night, had plenty of trouble with them, they broke away several times, finally the tug was caught in the propeller and torn almost in half, she went to the bottom, we steamed off once more, leaving the barges behind, gave it up as a useless job. Still raining.

Wednesday 14th. Arrived at Lemnos 5 30 am. Hundreds of Troopships, Battleships, Torpedo destroyers etc. etc. Physical drill 6 15 am. Musketry order 9 30 am. Full marching order 2 30 pm. Life belt parade 3 30 pm. Rifle exercise till 4 30 pm. Concert in evening in Wellington, quite enjoyed myself, many good songs sung.

Thursday 15th. Physical drill 6 15 am. Musketry order 9 30 am and rifle exercise till 11 30 am. Full marching order 2 30 pm. Disembarkation practice, went for row in