

Canterbury Battalion had to stand too in reserve all night. Even now that the fourth reinforcements have joined us our company is far from being up to its full strength.

Tuesday 8th. Got back to our own bivouac's 5 am after last night's attack. Left for trenches 10 30 am. On watch every two hours, 8 section with No 11 platoon and in No 5's post. Plenty of maggots in trench here they are everlasting crawling over trench from dead lying in front of us, not very pleasant in here as the smell of dead is awful.

Wednesday 9th. 8 am relieved from trenches by Wellington Battalion, went back to our bivouacs. Left our bivouacs about 2 pm, went up schrapnel gully where the 4th Reinforcements were bivouacked, there we dug bivouacs for ourselves and we are to spend 7 days here and have a good rest as we are all "done up" after our spell in the trenches. Met a lot of old mates from Motueka and Nelson in 4th Reinforcements, had a good yarn and then off to bed.

Thursday 10th. Muster parade 9 am. 11 am till 12 noon on fatigue making roads. 1 30 pm Rifle inspection by our new Lieutenant. 2 pm swimming parade. Returned from swim about 3 30 pm when Frank Hayes and self went with Reinforcements up to Quinns post for four hours, returned from Quinns post 8 pm, had tea and afterwards went up and had a yarn to 13th Coy chaps.

Friday 11th. Breakfast 6 30 am, first issue of bread, quite a change from hard biscuits. 9 am Rifle inspection. Had a shave first for over 3 weeks also had my hair cut off. 10 30 called for volunteers for bomb throwing, I volunteered and afterwards we had instructions for same. Was warned for 3 30 pm fatigue but I was afterwards dismissed as I did my share last night. Went up 13th lines and played cards till dark.

Saturday 12th. 9 am rifle inspection 10 am bomb throwing practice till 12 noon. 3 30 pm fell in for fatigue went up to Quinns post and went underground sapping and under Turks trenches till 8 pm. Turkish mine discovered and blown up. Arrival of mail, one from home and a paper and letter from Isabel, how pleased I am to get a bit of news from home.

Sunday 13th. Rifle inspection 9 am. Issue of cigarettes 4 ½ packets each man and 1 box matches. Our airship dropped 3 bombs on Turkish trenches, saw bombs leave airship. Half of No 10 platoon were supposed to go on fatigue at 11 pm but they failed to wake us up, so of course we did not go and we weren't sorry either. Nelson Company on inline piquet, stand too for half an hour @ 8 pm. Wrote to home also Bill.

Monday 14th. Still on inline piquet stood too 3 am for one hour. Rifle inspection 9 am. Inspection of bivouacs at 11 am by Col. Hughes. 10 am till 12 noon on fatigue road making. Issue of bread. Bomb throwing competition for Cant. Battalion, not finished competition will finish probably tomorrow. Got Revolver from Spark and 50 rounds of ammunition for same.

Tuesday 15th. Rifle inspection 9 am. 10 am Swimming parade. 2 30 pm finish of bomb throwing competition, won by 1st Cant. Company, Nelson 2nd also 3rd. Concert