

being highly pleased with Nelson Coy (more soft soap I suppose). Issue of 1 Nut, 3 Biscuits, 1 Tin Jam, Rum, 5 envelopes and 1 Lemon between 12 men. Oh what a feed (I dont think). Rained during night.

Saturday 3rd. Unexpectedly had to stand too @ 3 am for 1 hour. On fatigue from 1 pm till 5 pm. Issue of more tucker and it is not before its time, if this had not been done the Main Body would have soon been down with sickness. Arrival of mail one from Soph, Mother, Isabel, Frances and Eda. Wrote to Mother (letter) also P.C. to Lil Thorne, Isabel and Nellie. Rained during night.

Sunday 4th. On fatigue @ headquarters for a couple of hours. Pulling down of Bivouacs and cleaning up in readiness to move out. 2 pm moved off to reserve Gully, will be going into the firing line tomorrow. Cigarette issue, one packet per man, there is tobacco but the men refuse to smoke it, awful stuff.

Monday 5th. Stood too 2 30 am till 4 am. Fell in for firing line, turn about with 1st and 2nd Companies; 24 hours in and 24 hours out in reserve. In No 2 post (Quinns). On first relief of 6 hours "Look out for Bombs". Turks have "woke up" are giving us a few shells today, no damage done so far. Sniping now and again during day, not much doing during night, very close to being shot, looking over trench, dirt in my eyes could not see for over an hour afterwards.

Tuesday 6th. Left trenches about 8 30 am. Went into reserve gully. Norman and I were shifted from our old Bivouac, had no where to go, (without a home) if they keep on shifting us about like this they will break our hearts, at present I feel like sitting down in the middle of the road and bursting out crying. Found some sort of a home later in the day. News has reached us that Turkey have got a supply of Gas Bombs from Germany, therefore in future everybody will be issued with respirators. Blew up Turks trenches in front of No 3 post.

Wednesday 7th. Stood too 2 30 am till 4 am. 8 am in readiness to move off to the trenches, we are on second relief today. Issue of Respirators, when we have them on we look as though we belong to a Harem in Cairo. Nothing doing in trenches during day, but @ about 10 30 pm we started to fire like blazes; just a ruse to find out how many Machine Guns the Turks really have, after wards every man started to cheer, it started on left and went like a wave to the other end of line. Turks fired like blazes to give the positions of M.G's away.

Thursday 8th. Left trenches about 8 15 am. Went into reserve Gully for a 24 hour spell. Had my hair cut and shaved clean off. At about 10 pm was roused out of bed (all No 8 section) and had to go down to beach for mail, arrived back about midnight we did not stand too next morning.

Friday 9th. 8 pm Littlejohn's Court marshall of 90 days field punishment read out. Off to firing line again nothing doing in firing line, very quiet both day and night.

Saturday 10th. Left trenches 8 30 am went into reserve Gully did nothing all day. Went for a swim in evening with Spotty. Turks started sniping at us, so we did not enjoy our swim too much.