

SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Saturday 18

land in sight all day. Big ranges in distance on both sides. Passed a number of lighthouses, some of them built on rocks beneath the water. Lot of shipping about to day. We met an old driven ship this morning she passed quite close to us. We are to land at Suq and expect to reach there late to night. We had 1 day's rations issued. 6 biscuits a piece of cheese & 1 lb tin of meat. I packed my kit to day.

Sunday 19

Arrived at Suq some time during the night. Pulled in to the wharf about midday. Saw a lot of wounded Indians and U.S. men on the wharf. Had some fun with the natives throwing stuff into the water for them. Several warships were lying in the canal entrance. G + P Co's disembarked at 6 P.M. and went straight on to the train, arrived at Telbun about 1 a.m. Marched to camp and had some coffee + biscuits and turned in about 2:30 a.m. First half of rail journey through miles of rice fields + palms.

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Monday 20

We got our first look over Telbun to-day. Beautiful buildings. Walked round the town after dinner. Full in for route march at 4:15 p.m. Went through Helopolis and through some beautiful shrubs + lanes. Back to camp soon after 7 p.m. Went straight to station when dismissed and caught train to Cairo. Had a real good feed, the first one for a long time and a look round part of the town. Shops all open, coffee + restaurants everywhere. Beautiful minarets.

Tuesday 21

Had a big day. 1st parade at 6 a.m. Pulled until 8 without any breakfast. Fed at 9 a.m. Musketry in tent 10:30 till 12. Route march from 4:30 till 7 p.m. Went to Helopolis at 12:15, had dinner and a look round, splendid Australian hospital there. Took train to Cairo, visited the bazaar and a mosque, got back to camp just in time for route march of 6 miles with pack. I caught 9:30 train to Cairo again; visited some of the shum quarters and back to camp about 11 p.m. Put sou and fired out.