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Wednesday 22

On fatigue to day. Finished up at 12 o'clock. Had dinner in camp at 1 p.m. Went to Cairo by 3 + 5 train. Went up to Etchad Hospital and saw Sister Howell. Beautiful view from hospital balcony. Could see the Nile & the pyramids in the distance, and the town spread out below. Two splendid mosques quite close to hospital. Very old. Spent evening in town; visited the native quarter. Drove from Etchad to Cairo for specialties, equal to 1/2

Thursday 23

General leave this afternoon. A party of us went into Cairo and took train to pyramids. Rode all round them on camels. Sphinx is a marvellous piece of work. None is mowing they tell us it was blown off by Napoleon. Back to Cairo, had tea in an open air cafe and a stroll through one of the flesh bazaars. Bought some presents to send home. Paid 100 piastres wages

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Friday 24

Inspected this morning by General Meapwell. Received orders to pack up ready to leave for the front in the morning. Finished my letters & parcels for N.Z. Vales issued. Wages paid and rations issued. Went into Cairo in the evening and had some good fun. Had a carriage and drove back to camp. Got to bed very late. Paid 100 piastres. Received six letters from N.Z. Stowed our big kelt to day.

Saturday 25

Had breakfast at 6 a.m. left camp in full marching order at 8:30. Chaplain addressed us & offered prayer before we left camp. Entrained at 9:30 & left for Alexandria, arriving there about 11 p.m. Cotton & maize growing all along the line. Saw natives using primitive wooden plows. Embarked on S.S. Domanik and pulled out into stream about 6:30. 67 + 2 Corps down in the hold, very dark and very crowded. Iron floor to sleep on. Livingston had biscuits and tinned meat.