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Thursday 30

Have been on fatigue nearly all day. No more of my old mate. Got news of Gummy Walls & Emie killed to-day. Emie has been wounded in the arm. There is great anxiety in camp about our other transport as the rest of our chaps have not yet put in an appearance. Had a swim to-day. We have to walk about the mill for a wash, and have to carry all fresh water from the same place. The food here is much better than we have been getting. Saw Major Rowe & Lieut. Masson here to-day.

Friday 1

Fatigue again to-day. Rest of our company turned up just after dinner time to-day. They had been lying in the harbour since Wednesday. They made a slower trip than we did. We got hold of some old N.Z. papers to-day and they were in great demand. Most of our N.C.O.'s have returned to the ranks. The night here are cold and with one blanket only it takes us all our time to keep warm.

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Saturday 2

Drill this morning from 10'30 to 12'30 Very hot. Inoculation in the afternoon. Take it to us in the left arm, Very stiff & sore soon afterwards. At half of parade we saw a big awahi sailing round the harbour. I went for a walk to the top of a low hill and got a splendid view of the harbour and the island. There is an enormous big troopship in the harbour. They say she is the Mauretania with troops from home. Last night we had a camp fire concert up on the hill. Some very good songs. Cigarettes given out to-day.

Sunday 3

Church parade this morning. Very hot in the sun. A number of chaps fainted. Wrote to mother ^{in Egypt} after dinner. A lot of our mounted arrived here last evening from Egypt. My arm is very sore to-day. Oh miss orderly to-day. One of the 3rd joined us to-day. He has been wounded & in the Malta hospital. Can tell some good yarns.