

MARCH, 1916.

Tuesday 29

Disembarked soon after dinner and were kept waiting on the wharf till 9 a.m. when we entrained. Train left at 9:45, we were packed in small uncomfortable carriages. I got down on the floor & tried to have a sleep. Six Turkish prisoners were taken off our ship this morning. We had brought them from Lemnos. Still travelling at midnight.

Wednesday 1

Arrived at Ismailia camp about 6 a.m. after very tiring journey. Got off train and waited about till 8 a.m. when we were marched to our camp. Met most of my old mates here, some have been killed & several are in hospital. I am in Sam Welshford's tent. Camp is quite close to canal, can see warships at anchor in the canal quite plainly.

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Thursday 2

Tell in with the parade this morning, took rations in our haversacks. Marched away out into the desert and were drilled till about 12 o'clock. Very heavy going in the sand, very bronchy. We were marched to a plantation where we had dinner. Tell in at 1:30 to march back to camp, went round the edge of a lake through which the canal runs. Arrived at camp about 3 p.m. tired out. My mates say it was an easy day; stiff enough for me.

Friday 3

Big sharp fight on to day. Lieut. told me I had better not go out and gave me some light duty to do. Job only lasted about 2 hours. Received 8 letters from home to-day. Also two parcels one from 'Eall and one from Mrs. Williams. Wrote letter home. Told me at office that bundle of mail was sent to England for me a few days ago.