

(2.2.15? Wm)

Febry. 2nd Attack & defence
scheme. B. Co. in defence.

Febry 3rd attack & defence
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12.15 a.m. wakened and given
orders to move to Ismalia

at 10.30 am. Packed & wrote

letters. turned in at 3 am

for couple of hours. 5 am

Reveille all stores packed &

loaded 150 rounds of ammunition

issued per man moved off

from Mena at 10.30 and

Marched via Charich el Ahram

for Cairo reached Adwadi

station at 2.30. train left

at 4.30. no bread we

had meat & Cheese also some

oranges bought at Kahka

passed through Benha 6.15 pm

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and reached Zagazig at
8.10 pm an English resident
informed us that there
were plenty of Turks at
Ismailia. Arrived Ismailia
at 10.20 pm unloaded stores
reached camp 11.30 pm. Got
men bivouaced etc made my
evening meal off three pieces of
cold cooked meat on the sand in
drizzling rain. very cold. Very
relieved when my valise arrived
at 2 am and was able to throw
just previously a Cronka sentry
group reported an enemy's scout
sent out two patrols who
traced their tracks a long way
over the sands. McKenna who
came down with advanced party
told me that there had been

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a bush with enemy at 4 pm
300 men and 40 German officers being
captured during the afternoon Turks
shelled wireless station.


Feb 4th. Revellie 6 am men rose packed
Kets two biplanes went out to make
reconnaissance returning at breakfast
After Breakfast paid the company 3 squadrons
of Indian Lancers left camp. Went up
to Smarha to look for Agency of Anglo
-Egyptian Bank to pay balance of cash
to met Dr Sutherland who was on his
way through to Suzy to join the Kyana
which is conveying invalids home. Unable
to pay money to Bank so converted cash
into notes. Saw two Steamers pass up
canal. Had tea and went to bed at
7 pm.

Feb 5th. Revellie 6 am Roused Comfan
out got lines squared up 7 am three

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Biplanes went out to make aerial
reconnaissance of Turkish position
Saw a batch of prisoners entrained
at railway station. 11.10 a fourth
Biplane left steering south East.

11.20 and 11.30. Two planes returned

 from E.N.E. In afternoon
route marched through
the beautiful gardens & townships

of Ismaria. In evening Captain
Jackson's Swift with Platoon & a
half escorted 174 prisoners to Cairo
2 Companies of the 7th warned to
be in readiness to move. A Green &
white rocket fired from N of N.Z. Lines
presumed by Brigade to be an enemy's
signal. Heard distant firing during
night

Feb 6. Rose 5.30 am two Turkish
officers shot at dawn for treacherous

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use of white flag sent funny party
of 1 Sgt 13 other ranks to funeral of
a blue jacket of the Swift Sure who
died of wounds. Mr Vaughan
came and had breakfast with us.
Two biplanes went out to make
reconnaissance. 10 am Reported
to CO 8th Bn and went to take
note on their entrapment at
Camp Station. One and a half
miles West of us. Saw armoured
train manned waiting with steam
up to go out patrolling. Went in
afternoon for another route march
through Ismailia saw more Turkish
prisoners. Several more biplanes went
out during afternoon.

Feb 7th, Sunday. Rose 5.45 made preparations
for entrapment had breakfast after
Battalion fell in for church parade

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I proceeded to Camp Station and
marked Tracts according to what
they would accommodate. Troops
arrived at Station at 11 and
I supervised unloading of
of Horses & waggon. Marched
back to camp for lunch
and reconnoissance as usual
during the day. Afternoon free.
English officer serving with Turkish
forces captured heard heavy
gun fire to south at 10.30pm
Febry 8th. 6.15 a plane went
out to reconnoitre returning very
fast at 8.15. 8.30 another plane
moved out. 2 Companies of 8th Bn
left for the trenches by train
2 Platoons from A Co with Capt
Mason left for some other position
on the Canal by steamer.

Febry 9th. Company training
as usual during morning ariel
reconnaissance showed Turkish
force in full retreat nearest
troops being their rear guard
20 miles from the canal moving
east. In afternoon went for a
swim in lake Timska saw
a couple of transports the
Nervalia & Hospital ship
Loyalty going down the Canal
Capt Purneyd arrived with our
first reinforcements 10 of which
joined our Company. Night operation
for two hours during evening
Febry 10 Rainy uncomfortable
experience of dressing in shower.
Great disappointment ordered to return
to Mena by 8.30 train on Friday
Spent afternoon in making

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reconnaissance for night
march. Night march in evening
Feb 11, 8th Bn returned to
Mena by 7.30 + 8.30 trains
Biplane went out at 8.45 am
9.30 went for route march along
the canal to see the scene of
recent fighting and fortifications
returned to camp had time for
a glorious wash in the afternoon
felt 10 years younger. Took it easy
for remainder of afternoon in evening
went to the station to have a look
at the trains which were to take
us to Cairo on following day returned
to post

Feb 12. Renville 4.30 am left for
Camp by two trains 7.30 and
8.15 am myself in second had
a fine trip perfect day and

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saw the country looking its
best. arrived Cairo at noon
route marched to Mena the
5th Bn sent their band to
play us in arrived in
camp at 4.30 p.m.

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