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Western District

20/7/40.

Dear Glen,

Very pleased indeed to get your letter of June 21st last week. With only one mail arriving mails are small & there must be a good swag accumulating somewhere.

You will have heard that I am out on this western district at present, being Benjamin of a mixed outfit. I don't think it will do any harm to say that we are near Matakau, where the 1st Brigade met the Senussi in 1915 & quite close to the sea so that we bathe every day. Not the first time New Zealand troops have bathed in the Matakau. I get muddled sometimes as to which way I'm at. This afternoon there is a mild kiamasi & we are confined to shelter but mostly the weather is perfect with a delicious sea breeze & we shall be ready to go back to work in and about Pairo on internal security jobs, as we will do in another week.

Life is more interesting here too. I'll tell you what happened yesterday, which had only a little more incident than the average.

Wakened at 2 am by an air raid