

9 Mon

Was midnight before we got into our blankets last night & we stood to arms at a little after 3 a.m. this morning. We have received word again today to be ready to leave camp tonight at 10-30 going to surround the wells near Benschke & expect to capture Turkish cavalry that is in the habit of watering there about 3 or 4 a.m. I got to sleep tonight about 3 p.m. reviled 10 p.m. We got away from camp about 11 p.m. The moon was up then & a lovely night.

10 Tues

Our squadron was advance guard we halted three miles from wells dismounted left horses there with horse holders & went rest of way on foot. All went well with us we were in our position before 2 a.m. lying along the ridge with fixed bayonets & several machine guns with us. We had strict orders not to fire to use our bayonets if necessary. All this wonderful scheme ended a failure Brigade headquarters & Auckland regiment lost their way & riding too far up. Turks evidently heard them ^{we got} ahead the one did