

17 Tues

Rovilla 2 a.m.

Breakfast 4-30 a.m.

Moved off from camp at 5 a.m.  
 Rode on until our advance  
 guards came in touch with  
 Turkish scouts. We camped  
 on a hill on right bank of  
 Wadi & 8<sup>th</sup> Squadron on the  
 left. After we had had some  
 lunch & fed horses, our patrols  
 pushed on further. We brought  
 in a mob of Bedouins with  
 their camels, donkeys & goats. Some  
 of the boys had babies with them

18 Wed

A good deal of shelling  
 last night & today. We have  
 had a spell in the camp  
 all day. We were supposed to  
 have gone into the trenches  
 for ten days, but now only  
 one New Zealand regiment  
 is required so Auckland have  
 gone & so we with Wgtons  
 have to go on with out-ports  
 and patrols.