31 Wed The attack on Beersheba began at dawn, infantry attacking from South until troops from east & north. The town was taken in the afternoon. 1,000 prisoners captured; remainder of army getting out on high hills before being cut off. Our casualties were very light. Two Auckland officers I knew killed: Captain Ashton & Lieut. John who came out on the Warrego with our sample.

We had very little to eat today - 1 box water to drink.

1 Thurs We had a few hours good sleep already to move again at 4-10 A.M.

Cleared the hills east of Beersheba Road. Sunks retired in direction of Gaza. Our casualties were very light. Sunks bottlenecked our brigade transport - prevented our provisions from coming up. We had very little to eat yesterday or today, but expect rations tonight. We captured some large heaps of barley from Sunks so had plenty of horse-feed.

Lift our pots at dark, camped midnight.