

31 Wed

The attack on Rerikaba began at dawn, infantry attacking from South mtd troops from east & north. The town was taken in the afternoon 1400 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 Ashlin & his four who came out on the Waikana with our remnants.

We had very little to eat today & had water to drink

1 Thurs

We had a few hours good sleep & all ready to move again at 4-10 a.m.

Cleared the hills east of Hayburn Road. Troops retired in direction of Gaza. Our casualties were very light. Troops bombed our brigade transport & prevented our provisions from coming up, we had very little to eat yesterday & today, but expect rations tonight. We captured some large heaps of barley from Arabs so had plenty of horse-feed. Left our post at dark, camped mid-night.