



The troop train - Egyptian desert - 8 Dec. 1941

On 7 Dec. 41, I said farewell to Colin and Bob. I travelled by troop train from Maadi Camp, westwards to join the 26 Bn. at Baggush. The first Libyan offensive had ended. Our Div. lost heavily (about 900 lives lost.) I was one of many reinforcements to fill the depleted units. Colin was sent to the



20 Bn (also at Baggush). I didn't see him again till after the war. He was taken P.O.W. in July of the next year. Bob was sent as Medical orderly to a hospital in the Canal zone. He developed abdominal trouble & returned to N.Z.



The oasis at Baggush. All our water came from here.