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Tuesday

Blowing and raining at intervals. Proceeded with digging of dug-out for office. Went with Major McQuade in truck to witness an attack by B. Company (Manoeuvres). Received letter from Edna. Felt very elated. Ate large dinner: 2 helpings.

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Wednesday

Acted as guide to D Coy. to rendezvous to witness manoeuvre by B. Coy. Marched out at 8.30, returned in time for lunch. Day - fine, no wind. Finished office. Had swim in sea with Ralph & Frank. Letter from Mum. Wrote to Mrs Davis in evening.

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Thursday

Beautiful day. Went on Compass Traverse in morning with Ray and Ralph. In afternoon, dug out soil for Mess Tent. At 6 P.M. listened to B.B.C. news at B. Coy. Read Digest in dug-out.

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Beautiful day. Swotting Intelligence Pamphlet in morning. Map reading in afternoon with Mr. Piper. Issued with Patriotic parcel! (Tin of ginger-nuts; chocolate, boot laces, razor blades; tin of tomato soup, handkerchief & tin of cream. Evening - chatting in Ray's & Jack's dug-out. Some more arrivals from Maadi.