

Wednesday 21.

Breakfast @ 5 A.M. Rained a bit.
Two shells landed in our Wadi @ Br. H.Q. No
damage or casualties. Both the enemy's & our
Artillery firing all day. New Brigadier - Parkinson
visited us.
Six in A. Coy. wounded by shell fire.
Mr. Piper (I.O.) sprained his ankle.

Thursday 22.

Brig. Gentry visited Br. before leaving for H.Z.
Many of our bombs (18 at a time) plastered the
enemy near a mosque to the North.
Three of D. Coy. killed by direct hits by shells on
their trenches.
Walked around area to see Crys.
More of our bombs over in afternoon.
Area shelled all day.
Move forward tonight about a mile
look up new positions. No enemy opposition.
Mr. Piper went back to B. Echelon. Sprained ankle.
I am I.O. & Sgt. as well.

Friday 23. (Good Friday.)

Area shelled all day. Not so heavy as yesterday.
Marris took over 300 prisoners from Takrouma.

Saturday 24.

The C.O. went to Bde. for Conference.
Another move forward tonight.
Met strong enemy opposition. C. Coy. called upon
to assist. Major Smith killed. Also Vin Rice and
Phil Parsons Artillery called upon to put down barrage.
Some enemy taken prisoner.
Received remittance for £k. (Possibly from Dad.)
What a time & place to receive it!!!

Sunday 25.

Confused fighting. Heavy enemy mortar &
shell fire. Br. H.Q. shifted to new area behind
earth wall. Poor old Kiwis! They are always thrown
in where the fighting is heaviest. 8 lots of 18 Bombers
(Jas) seen drop bombs on enemy. An 88mm. shell
landed bang at Br. H.Q. Phil Baker seriously
wounded. A B & C. Coys. went without food all
day. C. Coy. got tea at 2 in the morning (Monday)
John Bell suffering from shell shock. I sent him
back to B. Ech. I sec. reduced now to 3. Bill
doing good work with C. Coy. No sleep for 3 nights.
Wounded brought in on jeep.
Mosquitoes still bad.

Monday 26.

Quieter this morning. Good news!
We are to be relieved tonight by a new Division
- the 5th Div. (Tomatoes)
Met some of their officers: also the I.O. Very
new to the game. Feel sorry for them.
More of our bombs (18 at a time) bombing enemy.
Change over after tea at dusk. Enemy began
shelling. More casualties.
Moved to B. echelon between 9 P.M. & 3 A.M.
The whole Br. moved 8 miles to new area.
Tired out.