

Transcript

Copy of letter by George Francis Murphy from the desert East of Suez Canal 25<sup>th</sup> January 1916

In the Desert  
East of Suez Canal  
25th January '16

Dear Girlie,

I read somewhere that it never rains in Egypt. Well, it does in Sinai Penin. – And it also blows tents down at 1 a.m. It is bitterly cold here at night. We left Tel El Kebir yesterday, in open trucks, - the best way to travel a short journey in this land. We crossed the Canal last night, - marching of course, and now we are out in front, looking for Turks.

Noel Johnson called on Sunday. I did not know him at first; he looks in excellent health and belongs to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. I had a note from Cecil; he is at Heliopolis – when he joins the 20<sup>th</sup> I'll have him transferred to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Things are too serious to let him wander about while I can look after him.