



Two German Heinkel long-range bombers.



Heinkel and Messerschmitt 110 (Twin engine)



Note the Swastika and French markings.

Travelled West after leaving Deir ez-Zor. Day's journey across level desert brought us to Palmyra. Slept on concrete floor of a hangar. Palmyra dates back to Biblical times (1 Chronicles, Chapter 8, Verse 4.) Next morning, inspected three destroyed German planes on the drome. Had been shot up by a lone Tomahawk (U.S.A.) fighter from Cyprus while on a reccce. First enemy planes I had ever seen. Didn't learn the story of their destruction till 3 years later.

The Tomahawk was the proto-type of the Kittyhawk and Warhawk which we came to know later on. We inspected the wonderful ruins of Palmyra (or Tadmor in the Bible) before moving on. Bruce Guthrie took the photos.



Part of our convoy, halted. Arab castle on hill.



Triumphal Arch - Palmyra - April, 1941

