

Back to EGYPT. Battle for Egypt versus  
the Afrika Korps. June - November, 1942

After our return from the Valley of Cedars, our Bn. was sent North to Aleppo again. I was sent with some Sigs. to the town of Djerablous, beside the Euphrates R. on the Turkish border. Sent a coded message each day to Tommy Engineers building a bridge at Raqqa, 100 mls. downstream. Recalled to Aleppo after a week. The 8th Army was in retreat in Egypt

Seventy-two hours after leaving Aleppo with the Adv. Guard of our Bn. I was at Mersa Matruh. Travelled night & day by train & truck. Situation was grim. Tobruck captured by Rommel & the S. African Div. there surrendered.

Passed mile after mile of our troops, guns etc. nose to tail travelling East. We were the only troops going Westwards. The date :- Sunday 21 June, 1942.

Bernard O'Brien who had my class at St. Albans before I took it over, was killed in the Libyan offensive in Nov. 1941



Crossing the Sinai Desert - return to Egypt.



Two snaps from German film. (Captured) Panzers sweeping into Egypt (Mark IV Tank: Ambulance, Troop carrier, Anti-tank gun etc:-)