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Wednesday

Up at 5:45 A.M. Packed up gear ready to move, in trucks. 65 trucks in convoy - to Homs via Deir ez Zor (on Euphrates River). Reached Hama (40 miles) at 4:15 P.M. Euphrates River 1 mile away. Had hot tea, meat & potatoes, rice & stewed apples. Slept under the stars. Lovely sunset, shining on River.

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Thursday

On to Deir ez Zor at 8:30 A.M. Passed many Arab encampments. Followed Euphrates river down. Arrived Deir ez Zor at 4 P.M. Camped in area other side of city near aerodrome. Slept in bivouac tent. (Population of city 34,000)

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Friday

Marched through Deir ez Zor at 9:30 A.M. Coy. of French troops led the march. Went through main street & back by river. In afternoon wind blowing. Read book in tent. Wind blew a gale during the night. Dust flying

Saturday

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Left Deir ez Zor at 8 A.M. for Palmyra (150 miles) Desert road. Barren desert country. Arrived Palmyra at 5:30 P.M. Billeted at aerodrome. 3 German bombers on ground - smashed. Had a good look inside them. Coffee for supper.