

JUNE

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Monday

Very hot. Heavy dew on sand. Made map of area. Met Marcus Smith of Eskdale, with Bofors troop.

Hundreds of vehicles in area. Bofors - anti-tank etc. Y.M.C.A. mobile canteen visited us. Bought peaches & apricots (tinned).

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Tuesday

Very hot, trying day. Very thirsty - not much water or tea. Heard distant gunfire. Enemy 8 miles away. Our bombers flew over - dropped bombs - all returned.

Did map of mine fields & wire. Dust flying - strong hot wind. Had bath in muddy salt water.

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Wednesday

Not so hot today. Water pipe leaking & everyone collecting water in cans, tins etc. Very good!

AT 5 P.M. enemy shells began landing in area. Our 25pdrs replied. Tanks appeared on N.E. horizon. AT 7.30 a tank battle in progress. Bombs heard for long time.

Thursday

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Windy - cooler.

Tank battle from 4.30 P.M. till dusk - a few miles to N.E.

Enemy planes in small numbers over during the day.

Got ready to move at 10 P.M. Order cancelled.