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Friday

Tank battle resumed at day-break to East. Moved out from El Diyura fortress area in trucks with all gear for MAAD. Bivouacced for night about 12 miles south of El Diyura. 25 5 Bde. took over from us.

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Saturday

Not going to Maadi after all. Stayed in same spot in desert all day. Bombers came over twice & dropped bombs a few hundred yards away among the trucks. No damage. Our air force greatly outnumbered the enemy. Saw 18 Bostons escorted by fighters go over this morning. Going back to the "box" tomorrow.

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Sunday

Still in the desert. Heavy dew (fog) during night. Had wash from water on bivvy cover. Received mail (2 from Mum, 1 from Edna). Very hot day. Lay about. Enemy bombers bombed Div. H.Q. again. 9 killed, 10 wounded as result of yesterday's bombing. 600 Germans gave themselves up to Div. H.Q. yesterday. Left at 6:20 for fortress area. 8 Stukas made dive bombing attack, a mile away. Arrived 7:45 P.M.

Monday

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Hottest day yet. Our bomber & fighters bombed the Italians just North of us at 1 P.M. Sky full of our planes. Big things afoot tomorrow. Our Armoured Div is going to attack. We may go in against the Ities. Sent wire to Edna.