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Tuesday

Still in the fortress area. Nothing definite doing. Lot of air activity. Saw 18 Kittyhawks flying over area. Saw a Hurricane shoot down a Fiat (Italian) fighter. Another Fiat flew over area at about 200 feet. Could have hit it with a stone! It was quite cheeky! Had my hair cut by chap in No. 16 Platoon. Not quite so hot today.

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Wednesday

Got ready to move at 3 A.M. Left fortress area at 10 A.M. Bivouaced for night about 12 miles to South.

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Thursday

Left at 8 A.M. on next stage of desert journey. Sandy in places. Some trucks became stuck. Reached area at 3.30 P.M. Bivouaced for night.

Friday

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Waited about till 12 A.M. when we at last got the order to move. Slow convey. Many trucks became stuck in soft sand + had to be pushed out. Arrived Amiryah at 5.30 P.M.