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Wednesday

Moved at 4 A.M. about 8 mls. to new Div. H.Q. area. Much shelling from 10 to 12 A.M. Eric badly injured by shell. Several Stuka raids. Saw one shot down in flames at 7:31 P.M. over Div. H.Q. Many of our tanks in area - Grants & Valentines. One got hit & burnt out. ~~It~~ of crew safe.

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Thursday

Not so much shelling in our area today. Enemy seen 2 miles to West. Enemy bombers over with fighters at 7:15 P.M. Very hot & dry here. Rum issue in evening. I put mine in my water bottle

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Friday

Quieter day, but enemy shells landing all about us at 4:30 P.M. Heard that our fighters brought down 9 Stukas in last evening's raid, & that our tanks destroyed 28 enemy tanks yesterday. A Messerschmitt 109 E. flew over at about 100 feet. We had a shot at it with rifles. A can of beer each for supper.

Saturday

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Fairly heavy enemy shelling before breakfast. Made map of Div. area showing weapons sites. 24 Bn. are on adv. left now. Enjoyed good breakfast of porridge, sausage stew, tea, & tea of meat & vegetable stew, rice, pineapple & tea. Cans of beer for supper. Got a new shirt as mine is torn. Also a blanket.