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Thursday

Stayed in area all day. Enjoyed good breakfast at 6:30. (Porridge, sausages & tea)  
Saw dog-fight between our planes and enemy fighters about 1 P.M.

Told about advance tonight 1000 yds. South. To take up now been.

Left 9 P.M. Enemy shelled us. Walked 4 1/2 miles.

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Friday

Reached objective safely. Dug in. Stayed all day in slit trench. Our Colonel dead. Most of C. Coy. missing. Heavy mortar fire all round us. Chap killed 5 yds from my trench by mortar.

Retired from position at dusk (8:30 P.M.) Walked back to original position. Hot tea waiting for us. Very tired.

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Saturday

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Received 3 letters from Edna + 3 from Mum + Dad (May + June). Have received all my mail now. Mug of tea for lunch - biscuits. Feeling much better. Heard that 40 odd of C. Coy. have come out safely. Stuka raid at 3 P.M. Bombs fell a mile to S.W. of us. Moved back to old positions occupied by Tommies at 8 1/2 P.M.

Sunday

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Wrote out report on A. Coy's part in the advance on 4th. Wrote to Edna + Mum. Posted M.S. to Free Lance (Wgtr) of "Tramp to the Cedars." Brig. Clifton P.O.W. Col. Peart (our C.O.) killed during advance on 4th. Stuka raid over Arty. + armys shot down by our fighters. Dog fight this morning. 6 planes down. Saw 14.