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Monday

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Travelled all night. Sat on pack on floor of carriage. Dozed at intervals. Teary stew at wayside camp at 6 A.M. (Amirya) Ate Bully beef & biscuits on train at 11.20. Picking out sand. Passed several garrisons. Arrived destination at 5 P.M. Slept with Roy White in small tent. 2 miles from Mediterranean Sea.

Tuesday

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Blowing sand flying. Wore eye shields. Roy & I changed quarters to "dug-out". Picked out to go into intelligence section. Shifted by truck from B. Coy area to Headquarters. Slept in Orderly Room. Wind moderated.

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Wednesday

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Cloudy. Spent morning digging up roofing iron for our dug-out, with Frank Coe, my new mate. Our new quarters - room underground - 15 yards in from each end. Cleared out sand in afternoon. Shifted our gear in. Wind changed to N. Some rain fell at 4 pm.

Thursday

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Wind from sea. Spent morning digging up shafts of tin from old hospital site. Ditto in afternoon. Brought back tin boards & odd ends by track to our dug-out. Tea - very good. Shepherd's pie; jam tart & rice. Marvellous how they cook in the opening shelter whatever. Bottle of beer before bed.