

Tuesday 16

Went round Coys. with Div. Summary; News Sheet.
Helped lay start line for night manoeuvre.
Night manoeuvre - 8 till 10.30.
Boiled billy on return.

Wednesday 17

Jack K. left for hospital with Malaria.
Helped roll up tape (start line).
Windy day.
Promoted to rank of Cpl. (T.)
To bed 7 P.M.

Thursday 18.

Rained during night. Blowing.
2 parcels from Edna. (Sax, shortbread, razor-blades, cake, toothbrush, dentrifice, coffee & milk, sheeps' tongues, cheese.)

Friday 19th

Sent photos (5) to Mum, taken last Sept. 1 of me lifting wheel of Jeep; 1 at Mesa Matruh with Nazi flag; 1 of my chameleon; 1 of Norm & Ken on beach; 1 of fort of I. Sec. with bottle beer apiece.
Prepared to move. Left at 5.45 P.M.

(Obtained goods from Y.M.C.A. canteen for the Sec. Tobacco, chocolate, nuggit, matches, razor blades, tea, milk, sugar.

Travelled about 34 miles, in desert formation (9 columns).
Good going.

Saturday 20

Reached area about 2 A.M. Slept in open. Lovely night. Perfect day. Gunfire few miles ahead at 8-9 A.M.

Sunday
Friday 21

On again. Travelling North across desert. Undulating - not bad going. At 5.30 P.M. were bombed by 14 Kitty-hawks (Yanks) by mistake. 4 Tommies killed short distance in front & 3 tonner destroyed.
On again till 7 P.M. Stopped night.