

Monday  
~~Saturday~~ 22.

On again. Halted 10 A.M. Saw our Fighter-bombers bomb Jerry some miles ahead. Our guns firing on distant target. Halt for lunch - boiled up. Saw 68 of our planes in the air at once including 12 Lightnings. Prepared for night attack. Attached to A. Coy. Attack began 10 P.M. Barrage by our Arty. One 25 pdr. falling short. Killed 2 of 25 Bn. Adv. down flat green wadi. Came to A/Tk. ditch. Enemy firing down it. Crossed ditch: cut through wire. Captured many Itie prisoners. Took 20 back to Bn. H.Q. Led Carriers back to A. Coy. Dup in 2:30 A.M.

Tuesday  
~~Sunday~~ 23.

Enemy shelling from right ahead. Saw enemy transport in front. Our tanks went forward at noon. Many more prisoners brought in - Jerries & Ities. (Nearly 2000 now).  
2:15 P.M. Our Tank-busters came over - destroyed one of our Shermans.  
7 P.M. Moved forward at dusk to Roman Wall - dup in. (Roman wall runs right across valley - 2500 yrs. old.)  
Our tanks retired. Blankets brought up.

Wednesday  
~~Monday~~ 24.

Enemy still shelling our area. Fock-Wulf strafed from 20 feet up - 8:15 A.M. I lay down behind 4 gal. tin of water - was filling water bottle at the time. 1 chap wounded in A/Tk. Rept. 50 yds. away.  
Saw 3 enemy tks. At 11 A.M. 27 Kittyhawks & Tank-busters came over with Spitfire cover. 2 big fires started. 9 J.U. 88's flew over. One shot down in flames. (2 landed by chute: 3 failed to open.) At 5 P.M. an enemy truck preceded by motor cyclist came towards us up main road. Our M.M. G's opened up - truck turned round & made off.  
5:30 P.M. Our Tank Busters in action again. Saw 2 enemy figures 200 yds. away near road. Enemy tank on fire  
7 P.M.

Thursday 25

7 A.M. Saw 14 German forces tanks come up (Bearing 352°). Went with I.O. in jeep to contact French force on right flank. Found them at 11 A.M. Went with L.O. (Capt. O' Rourke) and Greek L.O. to top of highest peak. Looked over enemy lines. Several enemy shells landing among hills. Saw black native troops (French) carrying ammunition up steep hills. Had lunch with L.O. Then went to well - had bath (standing up). Lovely cold clear water. Filled water tins. Ran for shelter in wadi in the nude when enemy shell landed near. Back to 26 Bn. at 5 P.M. Bn. shifted after dark to 24 Bn. area. 21 Bn. attacked hill & captured it. Heard that Capt. Aitken died of wounds. Put out letter N. in tins with sand & benzine - for our planes to take bearing from.

Friday 26

Went with Provo. Sgt. to well in French force area to fill water cans. Had another bath. Lovely. Back at 3 P.M. Big attack at 4 P.M. by Maoris, 23 Bn. 21 Bn. supported by big creeping artillery barrage, bombs & tanks. Saw 42 bombers (18+12+12) going over. Wind blowing down valley. Much dust in enemy's face. Maoris went in on tanks - 2 to a Crusader. Attack successful. Prisoners came in - 3 lots of Jerries - 50 in each lot. Helped search them. Got a camera (with film in), compass & manicure set in leather case.

Saturday 27

More prisoners - 50 Ities & 10 Jerries. Our 1st. Armd. Div. not far from El Hamma. Blowing & dusty. Helped search prisoners. Our forces driving on. Had wash & shave. Got my share (200 francs) taken from P.W.'s. 2 P.M. More Jerry P.W.'s came in. 4:30 More Itie P.W.'s. Tea at 5 P.M. Moved forward at 6 P.M. 4 miles. Passed enemy positions captured by our chaps. Stopped for night.