

Friday 9.

Breakfast 5:15. Moved off 5:45. Truck got stuck in soft going. Used trays: no good. Pushed out by Bulldozer. Crossed railway line from Mahares to Gafsa. Crossed large field of wheat. Also barley & rye: orchards of fruit trees. Saw wreckage of Fock-Wulf plane shot down yesterday. At 11:40 four Fock-Wulf planes dived down. Two bombs dropped. Nothing hit. Halted at 1:30. Interrogated a Wog about a Luger. Found several rounds on him. Found brand new Luger in holster hidden in grass by Wog's wife. (Garnet found it). Pistol given to Bill Robinson of Pioneers. He told us about the Wog first. Enemy planes dropped flares during night: followed by butterfly bombs. None very near. Slept soundly.

Saturday 10

Up early. Breakfast 6:15. Moved on at 8:30. Level country: green with fields of wheat, rye, barley & orchards of olive trees. Crossed road from SFAX to GAFSA at 2:30 P.M. Went through acres & acres of green olive trees. As far as the eye could see. Lovely red poppies & white & golden daisies growing among trees in the grass. Passed crashed M.F. Also another German plane in a thousand pieces. Travelled 40 miles today. Stopped among olive trees for night 6 P.M. Put up bivvy. Small blue lake $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away. At 7 P.M. an enemy bomber dropped bomb $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away near road. Flares & bombs on drone to West. Went to Y.M.C.A. truck for canteen goods. Supper with Geoff Gray: the leader & Bill Pollock.

Sunday 11.

Lovely day: cloudless & warm. Dudley went to SFAX in the jeep. Cleaned out the truck. Repacked it. Received maps from Bde. Sorted them out: sent out to Gys. Church parade (voluntary) 10 A.M. Took down bivvy. Ready to move at 5:30. Moved on 9 miles through miles of olive trees. Camped for night. Dudley arrived at 9:30 P.M. from SFAX. Bought eggs & wine. Said the town had suffered from our bombing.

Monday 12.

Breakfast 6 A.M. Moved on at 6:45. Lovely day. Fields of green grass with red poppies: white & golden daisies. Halted from 10 till 1:30. Boiled billy & 2 eggs each. Sold blanket (Tommy) to native for 125 francs (12/6). Enemy evacuating from Tunis. We are heading for Sousse. Sousse was in our hands at 8 o'clock this morning. Went on a few miles. Saw 18 Mitchell bombers, with fighters, returning from a raid North of Sousse. Only 200 feet off the ground. A wonderful sight. Stayed the night in olive orchard.

Tuesday 13.

Missed breakfast. Misty morning. Left at 6:15 & came out on to main road SFAX - SOUSSE. Lovely wide bitumen road. Lovely day. Turned in near Bourdjine & camped for the day. Shaved: washed my legs & feet. Had tea at 6 P.M. Bad headache took 3 aspirins. Left area at 7 P.M. Passed through Sousse - very nice town - blue sea: white houses: many trees. Went 14 miles. Stopped for night in olive grove beside road.

Wednesday 14

Headache gone. Lovely morning. Stayed in area among olives all day. 7 P.M. Moved on for 7 miles: camped among olives near road. Several 88mm. shells landed close during night.