

Thursday 15

Stayed in area all day.
At 7:30 moved off to take up position between Maori Bn. on left & 25 Bn. on right between railway line on right & road Enfidaville to Kairouan on left. Tracks returned to olive grove except jeeps. Dug trench among long grass. Mosquitoes bloody awful. Hundreds of them. Pulled blanket over head.

Friday 16

Breakfast brought up & eaten in dark. Lay low all day to escape observation by enemy on hills ahead. High rocky hill 3 miles ahead with monastery(?) on top. Called Takrouna. Fascinating place. Possibly a Jerry O.P. Saw 14 highnings fly over in afternoon. Enemy shells landing on road - along railway line. After dark shifted about 2 miles farther west across road to new area. Bn. H.Q. in Wadi. Mosquitoes - bloody awful. Worse than last night. Face neck & hands a mass of lumps.

Saturday 17.

Quiet morning. Lay low all day. Long grass & crops of wheat. Studied Takrouna through glasses. Would like to climb it. Enemy shelling from somewhere behind it. During night, Engineers put two crossings over deep Wadi in front. Looks like an attack coming off soon.

Sunday 18.

Enemy observed on Takrouna. Bill put in a report on last night's work by Engineers. 14 enemy fighter-bombers bombed our late area. One plane shot down. Pilot landed by parachute & was taken prisoner. Mosquitoes - still bad. Dudley & I modelled heads in clay to pass time away. Mine looked like Mr. Montague Norman. Patrols went out at night.

Monday 19.

We attack tonight! Our objective - a low hill between Takrouna and town of Enfidaville. Start line - Roman wall. I went out at 7 P.M. with Div. Provost. to show way to gap in wall. Terrific Artillery barrage. Attack began 11 P.M. Moon shining - lovely night. 2 Jerry's found lying in long grass soon after start. Taken prisoner. Crossed enemy landing ground. Objective reached midnight. Bn. H.Q. took up posn. in deep Wadi. Tired out.

Tuesday 20.

Area shelled all day & night. Takrouna still partly in enemy hands. Our Artillery shelled it during day. Tanks came up & went forward. Struck minefield. 4 Shermans lost their tracks. Observed figures on Takrouna. Observed enemy convoy coming down valley to North. Shelled by our Artillery. 14 tank busted fire over. (ours.) Improved our dig-out in Wadi. Tea brought up after dark. 6 Prisoners taken. Our casualties very slight. Arthur Manport will lose a leg. One of our own shells.