

May 1944

storm in afternoon. Heavy rain & lightning very close. My bivvy flooded. Shifted to orderly room. Bn. left 6 PM for forward area. Rain ceased.

17 (Wednesday) Lovely & sunny.

Wrote to Edna - Mum. At 10 o'clock left with 6 others from Bn. by truck for 4 Armd. Bde. Attached to A. Sqn. (20 Rept.) with John Howarth & George Hart. Lovely spot. Bivvy with sides. Mobile Cinema - "The Man in grey" - excellent.

18 (Thursday) Lovely day. Attended 20 Armd. Rept. Sports 3 miles away amid very pleasant surroundings. Went by jeep. Good meeting - tea & biscuits provided by Y.M.C.A. Met Padre Gunn. Evening - read Story of Manhood.

19 (Friday) Hundreds of Liberators flew over with escort of Lightnings & Mustangs. Driven over to B. Sqn. in jeep to see tanks shoot. One chap injured by recoil. Tanks fired at hillside - 75 mm - Browning. In afternoon, went to Naples with leave party to see the Opera "Tosca". Wonderful music & singing. Magnificent