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Mitteleuropa
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Irregular Plurals.

il dio	gli dei
l'uomo	gli uomini
la moglie	le mogli
mille (1000)	mila
l'uovo	le uova
il paio	le paia
il buco	i buchi
il frutto	le frutta

I Cabini

a	to, at
avanti	before. (time)
Con	with
contra	against.
da	from, by, (at)
davanti	before (place)
di	of
durante	during
dietro.	behind
dopo	after
fra, tra.	between
per	for, along, through
prima di	before.
Senza	without

sopra	above
sotto	under
Su	on, upon
Verso	towards

Future. avere.

io avrò
 tu avrai^{ai}
 egli avra

noi avremo
 voi avrete^{ete}
 essi avranno

c'è ? is there ?
v'è ? is there ?

da mia zia at my aunts

una bottiglia di vino
a bottle of wine.

una bottiglia da vino
a wine bottle

ieri yesterday.

Apri la tua manina.
Open your hand.

Hai ragione
You are right (Tu as raison)

Vado in Germania
I go to Germany

Sono in Inghilterra.
I am in England.

chi c'è qui ?
Who is here ?

Come si chiama quel
fiore in italiano?

What is the name of this
flower in Italian?

Che ora è?

What time is it?

È un'ora } It is one
è il tocco } o'clock.

Sono le due
It is two o'clock.

trincee avversarie
slit(?) trenches

una trincea avversaria

posso
puoi
può

possiamo
potete
possono

devo
devi
deve

dobbiamo
dovete
devono

quanto primo

as soon as possible

1943 - 1944

Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb.
at O.C.T.U. PALESTINE

Acre (Nov. Dec)

Sarafand (Jan Feb)

Maadi (March April)

1943

24 April. (Sunday)

Bn. Picnic at Barrage. Lovely
day. Won the married men's
race. Six of our Sisters there, also
Brig. McWeir.

25 April. (Monday)

Left Maadi with draft for
Italy

(26 April) Arrived Aminga 1130hrs.

Camped 2 miles from str. ENSA show
in afternoon. Very hot. Shower. To Naafi.

26 April. In camp. ENSA show again
Very hot. Shower. To NAAP for tea.

Beer for men. 12 bottles per man.

27th. To showers near str. for route
march, in morning. Ensa show in after-
noon - same as Wed. To talkies with
Des McGovern - "Hellzapoppin" at Shufra

28th Took Coy. for drill - lecture.

Then to showers, Ensa show in P.M.

Had money changed. Leave tomorrow.

Evening - to talkies with Des.

29. Left Amiroya at 1030 hrs. by

10 tonners for Alexandria.

On board "Circassian" (11,000 tons)

by 1500 hrs. Four of us in a

nice cabin - shower - w.c. etc.

30 At sea since 6 A.M.

11 steamers in convoy.

2 with 3 funnels.

3 with 1 funnel.

2 with 2 funnels

Excellent meals. Ships A.A.

guns incl. 2 Bofors had practice

shoot at target towed by plane.

at 8 o'clock. Great din.

1 May. Land in sight today

on port side - near Derna.

A few planes flew over convoy.

Took first tablet (anti-malarial)

at tea time. Wrote to Edna

and Sister England.

I was Orderly Officer today.

Boat stations! Drill at 1040 hrs.

2 May. Lovely sunny day.

No land in sight. Sea quite calm.

Boat station's drill 1100 hrs. Excellent

meal. Dinner - soup, ^{fish} steak, onions,

baked potatoes, peas, steamed pudding,

oranges, coffee.

3 May. Sicily in sight on

port bow 0730 hrs. One steamer

left convey for land. After break-

fast, saw Mt. Etna. Lovely day.

Changed into shorts. Saw main

land of Italy. Flying boat

flew over. Arrive Taranto

tomorrow morning. Canary

settled on deck: then flew away

again. At dusk, every ship let off

white smoke.

4 May. Arrived Taranto 0730 hrs.

Big harbour - beautiful day.

Taken by truck to Advanced Base

between Taranto + Bari. Received

mail from Edna, Mum, Constance

Davis, Jack, + Sister England.

Going North to join 23 Bn. to-

morrow.

Went to concert at 7.30 in Lowry

Hut. Excellent. Piano-violin-flute
clarinet. Lovely girl sang - about
17 yrs. of age. Lovely voice.

5 May. Sent airgraph to Edna & Mum.
Left Adv. Base for BARI at 1230.

Left BARI for north by train 1615 hrs.

Bought almonds, figs wrapped.
Very picturesque countryside.
Slept on train. Changed trains
at 4 A.M.

6 May. Arrived Reinforcement
Camp 9 A.M. Very hilly all
around. Some snow on high

peaks (about 6000 feet). Went for hot
shower 11 A.M. in truck. Leaving for
23 Bn. tomorrow 4 Bde. Band played
after tea. Lovely evening. Mick & I
went for walk along railway line.

7 May. Moved by M.T. to join
23 Bn. about 20 miles up. Arrived
10 A.M. Attached to D Coy, 18 Pl.

Met Dick Duncan - acting Coy.
Comd. Also met John Morrow.

Nice situation on foothills not far
from Volturno River - 15-20 East
of Cassino. Steep hills all around.

8 May (Monday)

Bde. Parade for General Fryberg in morning. Presentation of decorations. March past. Censored mail. Afternoon - met John Clark. Had talk over old times. Wrote to Edna + Mum (2 Airgraphs each.)

Evening - Concert by 23 Bn. Very good - good stage etc. - Had quite a bit of vino at dinner.

9 May (Tuesday) Wrote to Sister England. Afternoon - Bn. sports meeting. Bottle of beer.

10 May (Wed.) Bn. parade. Route march over hills. Mail from Edna, Mum, Alan Drake, Joy + Margaret Hammington (Airgraphs + letters). On leave to Naples tomorrow. (with John Morrow) ENSA concert this P.M. Not much.

11 May (Thursday) On leave to Naples. Left 6.30 A.M. arrived 8.30. Big city - saw Vesuvius smoking. Took taxi to Allied Officers Club on hill overlooking harbour. Had lunch (2) there + bottle of wine. Lovely

place + view. Reminds me of Orin-
tal Bay - Wellington. Came down
by Cable Car (very steep) + into the city
by car (Italian civilian). Spent rest
of afternoon at Naval Officers Club
on waterfront, with American Lieut.
(Naval). Three very nice Italian girl
waiters (Lena, Anna + Ensa).
Left 6 P.M. Arrived camp 9 P.M.

12 May. (Friday)

Big offensive began during
the night. Between 7 + 8 A.M.
counted 60 + four engined bomb

cars (Fortresses + Liberators) flying
over in groups of 40 + 50. A
magnificent sight. In afternoon
Kiwi Concert Party gave show at
our slope. Excellent. Best yet.
Letter from Edna + Mum. Evening
- wrote to Edna, Mum, Alan, Margaret.

13 (Sat.) Took party for shooting pract-
-ice up valley. Saw hundreds of
4 engined bombers going over.

Letter from Edna, Mum + Joy.
Slept in afternoon. Played 16 Pl.
basketball - (offr. D. Coy). Beat them

22-0. Evening - to talkies near Sports
ground. Not bad.

14 (Sunday) Wrote to Edna, Mum
& Jay. Telegram from Edna (letter
received.) Church Service 10.30 followed
(by Communion. Wrote to Jay,
Jack (brother) & in evening, to Mum.
Played 18 Pl. at basketball. Beat them
12-1. Went for hot shower in jeep to
river (Volturno) After dinner, played
another game of basketball. Cut my
knee on stone. Went to R.A.P.
Censored mail in evening.

15 (Monday) Went to R.A.P. to
get cut on knee dressed.
Wrote to Mum. Met Hardd Pres-
cott after tea. Heard that 3000
prisoners taken so far. Saw A.A.
display at 9.30 P.M. some miles
away & heard bombs dropp-
ing. Fire-flies in bushes.

16 (Tuesday) Bn. got ready to
go forward to take over posns.
from 26 Bn. Went to R.A.P. to
have knee dressed. Am not going
forward for a few days. Thunder-

May 1944

storm in afternoon. Heavy rain & lighting very close. My bivvy flooded. Shifted to orderly room. Bn. left camp 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 Hawthth & 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 - 75mm - Browning. In afternoon, went to Naples with leave party to see the Opera "Tosca". Wonderful music & singing. Magnificent.

opera house - five tiers of seats.
Back at 8.30, Rained during
night.

20 (Saturday) Wrote to Edna
& Mum. Had shower after lunch.
R.A.P. chap dressed my knee. Went to dance
at Caserta with officers from Anzio Bde.
Yank. orchestra of 13 players. N.Z. sisters
there. Back at 2 A.M.

21 (Sunday) Truck came for me 1 P.M.
Sent note to Cliff Hunt, saying knee not yet
O.K. + staying till 25th. Wrote to Jay.
Evening - drank vino with the boys in

(Terry bombed to the West during
the night. Planes flew over this
area)

big fat - sing-song. Some evening!

22 (Monday.) Read book "The Worst Journey
in the World" (Scott's Polar Journey).
Many Mitchell bombers flew over -
40 at a time. Wrote Airograph to Mrs Bull-
-ock. Heard wireless news at 9 P.M. Rained
during night.

23 (Tuesday) Wrote to Edna & Mum.
Read book "Rebecca". Wrote to Mrs Davis.
Raining off & on during day. ANZIO
offensive begun.

24 (Wednesday) Tanks had firing practice. I fired 2 shots & directed fire for 2 more. It is on bike fell off & jumped into ditch. Very funny. Went to Kiwi Concert Party at night.

25 (Thursday) Canadian troops 5 miles beyond Picot. Wrote to Mum & Edna. 200 Liberators flew over at 9:45 A.M. Lovely sunny day. Good news from ANZIO & other fronts. ANZIO now joined up with 5 Army. Returned to 23 Bn in afternoon. Letter from Mum today. Evening -

with Padre Harding to pictures - "Watch on the Rhine". Excellent. Just going to bed when Jerry plane dropped butterfly bombs near corner of road. No damage but got a fright.

26 (Friday) Lovely day. Prepared to move tomorrow. Pulled down tents etc. - I slept in Padre's tent on stretcher.

27 (Sat.) Left at 8:30 for B. Ech. near Saint Elia. Terribly winding steep road: had to back round most corners. Passed Peter Fraser & "Tiny" in a jeep at Aquafredda. Arrived area 3 P.M. Put up bivvies.

among olive trees + oats + poppies.

Out Bn. now nearly to ^{Atina} ~~Ischia~~.

This area shelled yesterday. Quiet today. Jerry retiring.

28 (Sunday) Lovely day. Padre held Communion 9.30. Ate cherries.

Moved on at 11.30. At 12 P.M. one of C. Gys 3 turners was blown up when road at bend blew up. Truck blown right over, end to end. Drag Harlan flew 20 feet into the air - down the gorge. Three injured. A miracle no-one killed. Arrived Atina

2.30 P.M. Has been lovely place. Now ruined - Church etc. - Some big buildings + 4-5 stories high. Our troops a little way ahead. Jerry nowhere in sight.

*Saw bridge (arch) blown by Jerry @ 5 P.M. Great cloud of smoke. Jerry shelled road down valley. Joining the Gys. tonight. Left after tea; by truck to blown bridge: then walked. I am with 16 Pl. in house. Slept on straw. Cold.

29 (Monday) Breakfast brought up by jeep. Lovely day. Jerry gone from valley. Saw several attractive Italic girls. People begin

ing to come back. Had wash & shave at river. Played pipe-organ in Church - one of the Pl. pumped for me. Went for walk along road - very pretty. Climbed hill - spent $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. at peasants home. Hot tea - 6 P.M. Went for walk to village on top of hill - met B. Coy. there. Caught 3 fireflies on way down.

30 (Tuesday) Breakfast 6 A.M. Moved on by M.T. at 8 A.M. Went 2 miles into area. Shelled heavily. Major Jones & 3 ~~others~~ killed. Great scatter for cover. Walked back to Iron Factory.

31 (Wednesday)

Had hot lunch. Alan Marriott & Alan McCartney arrived. Alan M. in D. Coy. Night advance towards SORA - next tan. Left by tpt: walked 3 miles to river. Crossed on pneumatic boat - 2 at a time. Bridge wrecked - engineers erecting new Bailey one. All of our Coy. across by day-light. Jerry mortared bridge during night. Four of my Pl. tipped out of boat. Water 6' deep - swift & cold. Quartered in house - good garden crop of potatoes. Breakfast brought up 11 A.M. Sherman this, went up road (20 Am. Rept.) Had swim in Fibreno River.

June 1944

Had dogs on straw mattress. Left on foot at 3 P.M. Took feature overlooking road. Kissed by Itie ~~man~~ woman. People cheered us. Camped night in house.

Tanks (Shermans) up road near village.

1 June

27 Jerris (Austrians) brought in.

(Thursday) Spoke to young student from Vienna. Packed up again, moved to Campoli - great reception. Flags flown - wine offered along route. Met Tommy P.W. (escaped.) Also Tommy Major + 2 other Offs. from Tobruck (escaped P.W.) On to Pes-

cosolido - another incredible reception - kissed, had flowers given. Billeted in big house just outside town. Hot meal brought up by jeep at 8 P.M. Slept on mattress on bed. Good rest.

2 June (Friday) Lovely sunny day. Breakfast brought up at 8:20. The women here did our washing at the fountain. Shave - first for 3 days. Itie girl wounded by our shrapnel some days ago - taken to hospital in our jeep. Our Artillery shelling down valley towards BALSORA. Cooks shifted up to Pescosolido for tea.

3 June (Sat.) Lovely day. Looked over
20 roomed Villa - lovely home - 3 bath-
rooms etc. - Huns used it as H.Q.
Changed into shorts. 21 Bn. up valley
- but held up. Wrote Airgraphs to Mum
& Edna. Listened to Italian band -
Tennebom - Clarinet - cornet - Euphon-
ium in evening.

4 June (Sun.) Lovely day. Packed up
ready to move. A dozen or so Jerry
shells landed down gully near road.
Heard that ROME has fallen.
Good news. Bells of church

rang. Thunderstorm + heavy
rain at 6 P.M. Move cancelled.
But moved back to B. Ech. at 10.30.
just when dance getting going. Slept in
farmhouse on straw.

5 (Mon.) Lovely day. Shifted to room
in house across street. Put up folding bed -
valise. Tea in officers mess. Heavy shower
in afternoon. After tea, went with Ernst, John
+ Alan in jeep to SORA to visit 26 Bn.
Spent time with Ted Ross + the boys.
Home at 11 P.M. Clear night. Full moon.
Heard that George Hart has been killed.

6 June (Tues.) The Invasion has begun. Listened to B.B.C. Wrote to Mum. Received cake from Edna. Sent her wire. In evening, walked up to village on hill.

7 (Wed) Wrote A.G. to Edna. Letter to Joy. Got new khaki beret. 26 Bn. up past Balsorano. Y.M.C.A. pictures in evening - V.D. & Malaria films. Touch of Diarrhoea during night.

8 (Thurs.) Lovely day. Bn. parade for Brig. Stewart. Did shooting practice

later. In afternoon went to demonstration by tanks + infantry (Morris). Later had a shower. Sandy Thomas joined the Bn. Diarrhoea during night.

9 (Friday) Route march at 6 A.M. to castle on hill - used by Jerry as hospital. Wrote to Edna & Mum (A.G.s) Slept in afternoon. Talkies at night near Bde. H.Q.

10 (Sat.) Still have diarrhoea. Got pills from R.A.P. Went to bed for day. Letters from Mum, Edna, Joy, Cousin Beatrice & Capt. Millbourn. Went to ENSA

show at 7 P.M. followed by talkies near
Bde. H.Q.

11 (Sunday) Feeling better today. Letters
from Edna (2), Mum, Joy. Went to
SORA to fix ground at Stadium for
cricket tomorrow. Bought photos of
Sora in street. After tea, wrote AG
to Edna.

12 (Monday) Letters from Leath Clarke
+ Cousin Bent - Bob Manson. Wrote to
Edna, Mum + Bent. Went to SORA in
jeep in morning to fix basketball ground

at Stadium. Afternoon - played basket-
-ball for 15 P.M. After tea - Hockey
match v 21 Bn. officers at stadium
We won - 9-5.

13 (Tuesday) Parade & drill till 10 A.M.
Packed up ready to move to new area
near ARCE down Liri Valley. Hot day.
Flies very bad. Left on foot at 8.45 P.M.
Marched 11 miles to new area down
Liri Valley among trees. Arrived 1 A.M.
Tea + biscuits. Bivvies had been put up.

14 (Wednesday) Hot sunny day.

Tank is not a Tiger, but
a Panther (Mark IV)

Got Basketball court ready. After tea, went in jeep with Capt. Fletcher of Coy. by C.O. Saw Tiger tank by Route 6 to ARCE along route 6. Bought back 6 chairs for Mess. Supper tea & jam tart. To bed 11 P.M.

16 (Friday) Sunny hot day. Inspection. Bought pair of shoes, singlets, shirt at officer's shop in afternoon. Talkies at 9 p.m. "Girl Crazy". Poor show.

15 (Thursday) Hot sunny day. Range - shooting with Brens - Rifles - 2" M. PIAT - T.M.G. Area pock-marked with shell holes. Our 2" M. caused a grass & scrub fire on hillside. Whole Coy. went up to put it out. A.G. from Bob Holmes. Very hot afternoon. After tea - S. African Concert.

17 (Sat.) Coy. exercise in morning. Afternoon - shower, in jeep. Evening - Vino Rain & thunder at 11 o'clock.

18 (Sun.) Wet day. Church Parade 9 o'clock. Arranged swimming sports for next Tuesday

Wrote to Edna, Munn, Joy,
Norm Hardie & Capt. Millbourn.

19 (Mon.) Wet off & on. Route
march in morning - 7 miles. In
afternoon went with Dick in jeep
to see swimming pool for sports
tomorrow.

20 (Tues.) Went to swimming pool
to prepare for sports. Meeting in after-
noon. Good events. Y.M.C.A. put on
tea & biscuits. Some chap from 23rd
blown to pieces by booby-trap. After

tea - went to ENSA show with Major Grant

21 (Wed.) Sunny day. T.E.W.T. in morn-
ing, using 38 sets. In afternoon, went
with Dick in jeep to get matting for
cricket pitch. Collected 2 Browning guns
from knocked out Sherman tank. Saw
much Hun ammunition lying about.
Evening - finished letter to Capt.
Millbourn.

22 (Thu.) All day T.E.W.T. with 19 Am.
Rept. Went by jeep - saw over 100
Liberators flying N.W. Sunny day. Met

Merrill Wiley. Had long chinwag. He is
Adj't. to 19 Armd. Bde. I go to Rome
on leave for day tomorrow.

23 (Fri) To Rome on leave. Left at
5 A.M. arrived 7.30. Passed many
burnt out Jerry trucks + tanks on
way in. Wonderful day. Breakfast
at N.Z. Club (Hotel Quirinale.)
Went shopping - bought pipe,
map, views of Rome - bracelet +
brooch, bronze wolf (Romulus +
Remus). Visited St. Peters.

Colossal. Climbed 100 feet to

top of dome. View marvellous.

Afternoon - visited Coliseum +
climbed up side. Dinner at Club.
Left 8.30 - back midnight.

24 (Sat) Went to Bde. for swim-
ming Sports meeting. In afternoon -
D. Coy. did attack supported by tanks
of 19 Armd. Rept. Rode back on tanks.
Evening - Timor boys reunion.
Plenty of vino. Wet night. Letters
from Edna, Joy + Mum.

25 (Sun) Church service + commun

-in 10.30. Wrote to Edna & Mum.
Rained heavily in afternoon.
Went to bed early.

26 (Monday.) Took Coy. to range for
shooting - rifle - Bren - Tommy - 2" M. -
PIAT. Capt. Coughley attached to us
for a week (5 Feb. Anty.) 8 out of 9
PIAT bombs were duds. Lovely sunny
day. Parcel from Edna. Wrote to
Mum & Jay.

27 (Tuesday) Lovely Day. Letter
from Edna (A.G.) & John McDowell.

Took meeting to river to clean. Had
swim. Wrote to John M. Night
route march - 9-11 P.M. Tea on return.

28 (Wed) Took D. Coy to range for Bren -
2" M. support with 38 Set. Very hot in after-
noon. John M. off for weeks leave to Salerno.
Note from home Norm Hardie - going home.

(Wounded in Cassino. Bullet in elbow)

29 (Thursday) Hot day. Went to Isola
in 8 ant. with Bill Smellie to buy
vegetables. Many beautiful girls!

Mail! Hurrah! 2 Letters from Edna,
one from Bob Manson, 1 from Jay.

Orderly Officer today. In afternoon, wrote to Edna, Bob Holmes, Joan Matravero. Also wrote more of my book.

30 (Friday) Very hot day. Took Cops. for scheme: pls. in attack. Party (buried) went to Cassino. A + B. Cops. went for picnic to Angio. Wrote to Edna after tea. Wrote more to book.

1 July (Sat.) Route march for Cops. Officers - practice with 38 S&W. Very hot day. Slept in afternoon. Marsala in mess. To pictures in evening with Alan, Doc.

+ Win. Shorts on U.Z. topics.

2 July (Sunday) Very hot day. Wrote to Mr. + Mrs. Bartholomew. Added some to book. Church Service + Communion with David 9 o'clock. Swim at river in afternoon. Wrote book in evening.

3 (Mon.) On range in morning. PIAT fired, penetrated armour plate 6 tree as well (2'6") In afternoon, with 21/cs of Cops. in jeeps to GAETA to recon. spot for Bn. Mines + wire all along coast. Had lovely trip. Called at mon.

- astery on top of hill. The monk played
the organ + sang Ave Maria (Gounod)
Back at 6 p.m.

4 (Tuesday) Sent parcel to Edna (Bace-
let, bunch, Jerry medal - statuettes.)

Signal practice in D. Coy. area. Jabin
arm for Typhus. Rained in afternoon.

Wrote to Edna + Mum after tea. Much codes
tonight.

5 (Wed) Fine day. Took out Platoon on
exercise. Saw over 200 Libentors

2 Fortresses fly North. Evening
- wrote out book.

6 (Thursday) Coy. attack in morn-
-ing. Airgraph from Wiz, Broad
- cast home at 1.30 p.m. Wrote
to Edna. Go to Rome for 2 days
tomorrow.

7 (Friday) To Rome, with Jim Hennessy
+ Barron in scout truck. Breakfast at
Club. Then to St. Peter's + Sixtine
Chapel: climbed dome of St Peter's
(190 steps) Afternoon - to Lido
(Seaside resort.) lovely swim
in underpants. Listened to orch-
estra after dinner. Met Herbert

Rome (Padre to 25 Br.)

8 (Sat.) Excellent sleep - own bedroom with bathroom & W.C. Awoke -
-ened at 4.30 to return to camp.

Feeling very annoyed as was going to hear Heifetz this p.m.

Reached camp 9.30 A.M. Much spec

T.ulation where going (Monday)

- 4 R.M.T. trucks in area. Wrote to Edna

& Mum. Dennis Bassett arrived -

D. Coy. Washed clothes. Evening
- race meeting.

9 (Sun) To Rome on day leave. Visited St. Peter's again. Father Flanagan of N.Z. was guide.

Bought 3 excellent books on Rome & posted to Edna. In afternoon
^{House} went to Opera & heard Heifetz.

Wonderful. Played Mendelssohn's "Con-
-certo. "Also" Ave Maria" (Schubert)

Before dinner, went for walk with Jim Garbutt to the Pantheon. Back in camp midnight. Raining.

10 (Mon.) Fine & sunny. Sent Edna cable. Packed up gear,

ready to move. Wrote to Edna & Mum & Shermans. Cool night.

To pictures at Bde. H.Q. Tear at 11.30.

11 (Tues.) Left for staging area N. of Rome at 1200hrs. Much air activity (ours). Plane at 1 A.M. Passed through Rome at 5.30. Swooped along ditch, spraying mosquitoes. Arrived 8.30 A.M. Wash, shave - breakfast. Arrived new area 15 mls. South of **AREZZO** - fast. Slept in shade of tree. Bathed in put up bivvies. Passed big lake on way. creek in afternoon. Pictures at night. "In Received Airgraphs from Mum (2) Edna (1) which we serve." Slept till 1.15 A.M. Alan Drake, Mrs. Manson, also cable from Edna.

12 (Wed) Left at 2 A.M. for new area with John & Dennis. Lovely place. Supper at near Perugia. Arrived 10 A.M. Put Y.M.C.A. up bivvies. Went for walk in evening In evening - walked half way to village on hill with John & Dennis. Same collection of M.A. 14 (Friday) Breakfast 7 A.M. Route march

to village on hill. Evening - wrote to Edna,
Mum & Alan Drake at Y.M.C.A. tent.

15 (Sat) Cleaned respirators & went for
route march in morning. Shower in after-
-noon. Moved forward 7 P.M. to new
area, 6 Bde. to do another attack to-
-night. We are in reserve.

16 (Sun.) Sunny day. Church Ser-
-vice & communion. Many Spit-
-fires, Kittyhawks & Mustangs in
the air all day - strafing & bomb-
-ing Jerry. Ave330 fell this A.M.

Went for walk with Dick Duncan in
afternoon to village. Saw about 15
chaps of 25 Bn. being buried. Saw
also some of 26 Bn. chaps.

17 (Monday.) Sunny & warm. Walked
over to S. African fighter dome
in morning - 60-80 Spitfires.
Had cup of tea with pilot-officer.
Afternoon - slept. Evening - reinfor-
-cements arrived: 18 Pl. now 35.

18 (Tuesday) Route march to showers.
Called in at S. African Spitfire Dome

+ boys shown over planes. Letter
+ photo from Edna, 2 from Mum +
from Dick Biddle. Wrote to Wiz, Dick
+ Edna. Evening spent at 26 B. I.
Sec. Plank session. Asked Athel
Wood to call on Edna.

19 (Wed.) Officers went to 5 Fd.
Bty. for demonstration. Letter
from John McDowall. Rained in
afternoon. Changed book at 4 m. c. A.
Leghorn & Ancona now in our hands.

20 (Thurs.) Sunny. Coy parade followed
by lecture by Dennis on L.B.D.G.

Wrote to Mum, Pamela + Eileen.
Move tomorrow.

21 (Friday) Packed up - left 0630 h.
to take over from French. Arrived
area 11 A.m. Stayed day. Moved on
at 9 p.m. 7 miles to S. Donato. Arrived
midnight. Dug in.

22 (Sat.) Area slightly shelled at 5:20.
Breakfast brought up 6 A.m. Tea tipped up
- none for 18 Pl. Went with O.C. + pl.
Offs. to S. Donato for look over ground.
Heavy shelling by enemy. We attacked

with tks. at 5:30 p.m. Objective - Morrocan
along road. My Pl. in lead. One tk.
blown up on mine at Xrds. Adv.
-anced with tks - guns blazing. Took
prisoners. 8:15 p.m. wounded in left
leg by own tank firing at house
from rear. Four of us wounded.
Another tk. destroyed by Ofence
near big house. Crew all got out.
Brought back de R.A.P. in S. Donat
in jeep. Thence de A.D.S. - M.D.S.
(Doc. Brenner). In morning - by
amb. to Tommy C.F.S.

N.B. Sherman hit by
Tiger - not bogarka.

23(Sun) Shifted to another Tommy C.F.S.
Operated on in evening. Shrap. not located.
24(Mon) Came to in another tent alongside
Laurie Smyllie & Roy Purnell who had 3
bullets through him (Hampshire Regt)
Flown to Caserta in big Douglas plane.
Arrived 2 G.H. 1 P.m. Lost boots, shirt,
pipe, shorts, tobacco pouch on way. King
George in Caserta. Lovely tea - 3 eggs,
toast, oyster soup, peaches.
25(Tues.) Wrote to Bill Smellie re clothes.
Sent cable to Edna. 5 offrs from
23 Bn. in this ward. Read library book.
26(Wed) Sent Airgraph to Edna.

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27 (Thurs.) Read Library book. The Interpreter - Philip Gibbs. Heard that Major Mrazet is dead - also Cpl. Healey. Went to Operating theatre at midday.

28 (Friday.) Wrote to Mum. Leg a bit sore. Letter from Sister England. Kiwis now besieged from Florence (so B.C. says.)

29 (Sat.) Wrote to Sister England. Hot day. Sick of pills.

30 (Sun.) Kiwis still battling for Florence.

31 (Mon.) Wrote to Capt. Millbourn.

1 (Tues.) Wrote to Edna. Expect Hay

brought in - wounded by Browning bullet in leg & arm. Read The Good Companions. Roy Karsten killed.

2 (Wed.) Had leg X-rayed. Laurie's Canadian Nurse visited him again. Has been every afternoon. Looked charming in blue & white uniform with silver buttons today.

3 (Thursday.) Felt much better today. Read "The Citadel." Rock-melon for tea.

4 (Friday.) Wrote A.G. to Mum. Wrote to Edna Read "This freedom."

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5 (Sat.) 3 officers from B Coy.
came in - wounded. Jim Cameron
(C. Coy.) Killed.

6 (Sun.) Happy day. 9 letters. 3 from
Edna, 2 from Mum, + 1 Airgraph each.

Eileen D. + Cpl. Love. Had stitches
taken out. Nasty hole. Wrote to
Eileen + Cpl. Love. More
wounded brought in. Ice
cream for tea.

7 (Mon.) Wrote A.G. to Edna.
Wrote to Bill Yorton also. Sandy
Thomas arrived. Wounded in
hand. Wrote to Mum.

8 (Tues.) Letter from Edna, Mum +
Jack. Cables from Edna +

Mum. Read "Testament of
Youth". Vin Manson (Bob's bro-
ther) brought in at 7 p.m.

9 (Wed.) Wrote to Edna (A.G.)
Don Grant. Mail from Edna
(2 letters) Mum's, Joy,

10 (Thurs.) Letter from Mum,
Nancy Mount, telegram from Edna.
Wrote to Nancy, Mum. Alvin Drake
Bill Smellie. Edna's Christmas parcel ^{arrived}

11 (Friday) A.G. from Dad (23 July)
Wrote to John McDowall. Major Mc

Kinley & George Kain called in afternoon train. Slept in bed
- room (off to England) Wrote to Edna 15 (Tues.) Arrived Bari 8 A.M.

& Mum. (32 page letter) Then to 3 G.H. Lovely room. Well
12 (Sat.) Letter & photo from looked after - cigarettes, minties, choc
Cousin Joan. Wrote A.G. to her - slate grapes, ice-cream - scones for
Americans now to wives from afternoon tea. Just like hotel.

Paris. Wrote to Cousin Joan 16 (Wed.) Did some walking with stick.
13 (Sun.) Letter from Sister England. Met John Martin who is patient.

Hot day. Major Grant new here: not Letter from Baroness (from Club) re
wounded. Wrote 2 A.G.s to Mum. my gear (at B.O.D.) Then wrote to

14 (Mon.) Bought shirt, shorts, tennies. Edna & Muri (A.G.s)

swims, hat at 2 P.M. drove Gump's 17 (Thurs.) Letter from Mrs. Barthol-
3 G.H. (Bari) on Hospital train to - ward. Wrote 2 A.G.s to her. Visited
- night. Left at 8 P.M. Had hot tea by General Freyberg at 5 P.M.

18 (Friday) Walked about to-day - to Canteen with walking stick.

19 (Sat.) Good news from France. Letter from Sister England. A.G. from Edna - cables from Mum + Auntie Em. John Morrow called to see me.

20 (Sun) Wrote to Auntie Em, Mum, Edna, Jack (brother). Good news from France. Tanks across Seine now.

21 (Mon.) Had pair of shoes brought at officer's shop - Bari. Bottle of beer for dinner.

22 (Tues.) Picnic 10 miles down coast. 12 officers + 2 sisters.

Lovely day - lunch - swim. Telegram (Birthday greetings) from Edna. Went to Opera "Barber of Seville" in evening. Excellent. My gear has arrived.

23 (Wed.) Mail Hurrah! Letter from Mum, Edna, Margaret H., Bill Yorton, A.G. from Dad. Also Choc. parcels from Edna + Mum. Got my gear today. All there. Wrote to Margaret - Bill Yorton - Harold Cameron.

24 (Thurs) Good news. Maseilles in our hands. Rumania has capitulated. In afternoon, went with Major Wasnop to Bari & N.Z.B.O.D. Bought boots, shirt, & towels. Evening - wrote to Mum.

25 (Fri.) Wrote to Mrs. Healy, Mrs. Pringle (Letter of condolence) To Club in afternoon. Had my Officers cap pinched from Club - so took another. Evening - talkies at hosp. The first of the few. "Very good."

26 (Sat.) Wrote to Edna. To Club - Officers shop with Maj. Wasnop in

afternoon. Back by gharry. Bought grapes, watermelon - rock-melon.

Mail from Edna & Mum, Garnet Taylor & Eileen. Wrote to Garnet.

27 (Sun) "Nip" Lambley in room next to mine. Horrible wound - skull pressed in. Wonder he is alive. Wrote to Edna. Letter from Edna & Nelson Hale. Went to C. of E. Service at 11 am with Major Wasnop; also Communion. Afternoon - wrote to Mrs. Bartholomew.

Stock Todd, Doug Gilmore & 3 of the boys called to see me. Evening - wrote 14 pages to Mum. Joe Lewis box-

-ing at stadium.

28 (Mon.) A.G.'s from Mum &

Auntie Em (13 Aug.) Went into Bari in afternoon - bought gifts for Edna (Cigarette box, paper weights, painted shell. Visited club. Back to hosp. by gharry; bought rockmelon.

29 (Tues.) Wrote A.G. to Edna. In

afternoon - walked into town. To Club for aft. tea. Spent an hour yachting on harbour by myself (with Tony!) Very pleasant. Bought rockmelon & grapes.

30 (Wed) Into Bari in afternoon

with the Major by gharry. Met John Morrow at Club - also Lee Hume & Jack McGhie from Nelson. In evening, went to Symphony Concert at Opera House. Excellent. Orchestra of 60. Violinist played Beethoven's Concerto in D. Major.

31 (Aug.) Wrote Air lettercard to Edna in morning. In afternoon went into Bari - bought brooch for Pamela - Cameo for Mum. Got Pam's photo enlarged. Went to pictures. After-

-noon tea at Club. Evening
-wrote A.G. to Mum.

1 Sep (Fri.) Had box made at
carpenter's shop (Hosp) to sent gifts
in to Edna. To Bari in afternoon
-to Club. Bought powder + lipstick
for Edna. Evening - dinner with
Nurse Miles at Nurses Mess.

8 Army on offensive at Pesaro

2 Sep (Sat.) Did up Edna's box
of parcels + posted. Dieppe in
hands of Canadians. Parcel from
Edna - letter from Joy. Went to

town - to Club. Bought sugar
-melon. Evening - wrote to Joy.

3 (Sun.) Day of Prayer.

5th anniversary of War.

To town in afternoon. Went
sailing with Bob O'Brien.

Afternoon tea + ice-cream at
Club. Met Mick O'Donnell there.

Dust storm: thunder + rain at

4.30. Bought melon on way
home. Two Air letters from

Edna (12th + 20th Aug.) To

go to Con. Depot tomorrow.

Evening - wrote to Mum + Edna

4 (Mon.) Moved to Con. Depot
by Ambulance in morning - at
San Spirito 6 mls North from Bari.
In hut with Vince Manson + other
officers. Allice now in Antwerp.

5 (Tues.) Sent cable to Edna. M.I.
+ Dental Insp. Went to Bari with
Vince Manson - to Club for lunch. To 39th
in afternoon. Back to Club for dinner.
Back to Con. Depot by 8 P.M.

Wrote to Mum. ~~Edna~~ Had a few

Fills (Ours)
773440 do X-rod 759437
to 752416

714416 (8 Ind).

S. Africans - on rd.
slightly further N. than our Fds
815450

spot with Frank Snodgrass in
Mess.

Pls. dig in - disperse.

2115 hrs. S.T.

10 to 9 Ready to move.

Bully - Biscuit (Pass-word)

Morrican (French password)

R.A.P. @ Bn H.Q. in village

0600 hrs. Breakfast.

Mainis on left.

5 Africans on right.

B + C. See drip patrols.

tonight.

Impression - pulling out.

Tomorrow.

Div. Cav. Bull Rogers.

Shemans + A. Coy adv along road.

82100 Dvr. N.E. Hale

1 AMM Coy.

~~Gilchrist S.
(Sigs.)
(Bowles.)~~

539485

Don Hayler
B. Coy
21 Bn.

Pte. Johnson L.G. 502181
" Patterson A.W.M. 265510
" Campbell M.D. 290584
" Hammond C.H. 594943
T/Sgt. Harrison R.G. 71804

~~1 wooden shirt retained.~~

~~Bunphy.~~

~~Piat Pamphlet.~~

~~English all p. 5000
1002?~~

~~Am. Thrift for shoes.~~

~~2nd Best Hotel in Rome.~~

~~Dress & Behaviour - only club in
Rome meals, sitting room etc.~~

~~Florence - Venice~~

~~Web belt with slacks.~~

~~Snipers competition run by Bde.~~

Baseball Bats 3

" Balls 3

Tenement nets

Boxing gloves 5 pair

Soft-ball 1 Bat.

1 Ball

Badminton 2 racquets

12 Shuttlecocks.

~~6 men from each Coy.
with shovels.~~

~~Basketball posts.~~

~~Space for (1) Basketball~~

~~(2) 2 Cricket pitches~~

0900 hrs. Sick parade
Must be on report (Coy)

~~27 P.W.~~

L/Cpl. G. Knowlton D.

~~Mudrow In~~

Rugby Boots, 3 1/2 pairs in
poor order. New laces required
- also bars & springs & some stitching.

Hockey Sticks 26 good.

3 out the work.

Cricket Pads. 9 Pairs

" Bats 6

Wickets 6

Balls (leather) 4.

Kowhai Track - Mignano, to
~~8 Rear Div. Turn left~~

Picquet to guard stores (2 people)
stay till trucks return for back
- loading

20 Hrs. 10/R.

I stay behind with rear
Party.

C & D Cys. Fed at B. Echs
for breakfast. Draw mid day
meal. All rubbish filled in
- latrine seats taken.

D2. 6

Stores. 3/9/

~~7 Reminders~~

~~Coy. P. ups. to B.1 Echelon
Normal loads (R.D. tent etc.)~~

~~3 days rations carried every
man.~~

~~E.D. + L.O.B. personnel to D. Coy.~~

~~Strike bivvy tents today except
those used.~~

~~40 V.T.M. 15 M.I.H.~~

1630 Tea.

Leave 0830

R.A.P.

H.Q. Coy.

Padre.

Sup. Coy.

Y.M.C.A.

Bn. H.Q.

Tpt.

A
B
C
D

40 V.T.M

15 M.I.H.

~~Ross J. (Bren)~~

~~Stewart. (Bren)~~

~~Russell (Bren)~~

~~Robertson (Bren)~~

~~Milne R.G. (Bren)~~

Rifle. 5 x 15 rds.

0800 hrs. move.

4 A tk. guns.

A B D Sup. Cook Shops

Sigs 3 Batteries

No 2 Pl 15 cwt

Dodge water-cart

(To Rear Div. H.Q.)

G 1098 loaded on vehicles.
 Rest of gear listed to go into
 Central Dump. Each Coy.
 to leave 1 guard on dump.
 Leave bivvies up for present.
 Be ready for quick move.

18 Pl. 3
 18 Pl. 2
 18 Pl. 3
~~Sit. Camp~~

6 Sec.
 Small
 1 hour
 Landing

Billary
 Maitland
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23 men from Pl. (8 L.O.B.)
Coy. H.Q.

Jock

Batman

← Southland (1800 2 yrs old)
Mrs. Eggleston River St. Mataura

Caversham Dinedon.
Mrs. E. Laminchbury - 28 to Man South Rd.
Roxburgh - 0240
Mrs. S. A. McCauley, Point View Gardens.

Cpl. Healey
E.P.

31 + 1 = 32

Sgt. Hawkins B. 149294
Cpl. Stewart W.H. 285437
Hcpl. Higgle W. 76634
Hcpl. Eason S.E. 76630
Pte. Beaton J.C. 496396
" Bell E.G. 438663
John Dykes J.H. 264945
" Eggleston D.R. 433784
" Host W.T.C.A. 289696
" Kennedy D.L. 19989
Laminchbury G.E. 448789
" Mr Cauley S.A. 506622
" Maitland R. 441780
" Milne L.D. 056280

Miller A.T. 177488

O'Brien T.W. 439012

Pringle J.W. 279046

Ryder R.W.J. 267401

Small W.J.H. 203595

Wilks F.T. 450526

Forston W.C. 290336

Cpl. Lovet D.B. 49541

Pte. Muldrew I.J. 237224

Dowland E.H. 447211

Gillan J.C. 447790

McKenzie J.M. 50667

Stranger P.S.

Tp Ross J.

En. All

Granger
Cassell & Co
Astoria Co

(4cp)

Gilmour D. (9 Sec)

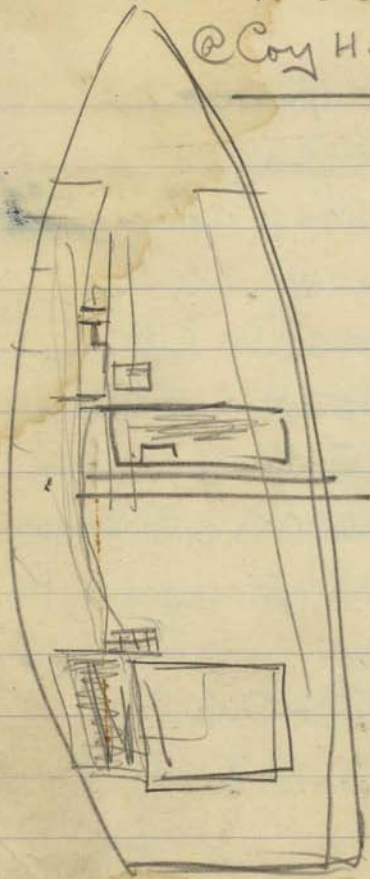
Burton H.C. (Pl. near bpr.)

Boyd J.T. —

Idout A. (Pl. weapons)

Jack Ross - Coy. Clerk
(relieving)

1830. R.C's
@ Coy H.Q.



Tedeschi

I

~~1 1/2 pte. per man.~~

Rifle Oil: flannel~~ok~~.
Land shoes.

10 min. spells.

No. 1 Grand ATK 2.

1505 hrs.

200 hr.

Cameras

No. name of owner

make camera

No. + film size



54

20 (18)
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5, 6 + 7 tables.

Harland.

5 live Choc.
~~20~~ live

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Holley
no & needed
at dentist

Fick Shaw

(P)

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