

APPENDIX #.CLIMATIC CONDITIONS:

Weather during the month differed from that of last month in that the days were accompanied by dust storms, and for the latter part of the month the wind became very cold during the night. Much rain also fell in Bn area while the Bn was resting in the outskirts of TRIPOLI.

TOPOGRAPHY:

While the Bn was in the TAMET AREA the Bn was bivvied on a sandy waste rather flat but undulating ground which became rough and very sandy with stunted trees on the approaches to Wadi TAMET. For the most part of the month the Bn was in the advance on to TRIPOLI and the ground covered was very sandy and many trucks had to be pulled as many drivers and men know through experience.

QUARTERS OCCUPIED:

When not on the move the men lived in bivvys which is the normal Army issue, and the men find them very necessary on account of the cold wind which developed during the late afternoons.

SCALE OF RATIONS:SCALE OF WATER:DRESS:CHANGES IN G-1098:PATRIOTIC GIFTS: N I L.Y M C A:

For the greater part of the month and for the first time since he joined the Bn Mr Bennett and his staff departed from the Unit, but on return to us, he made up for his absence, by supplying the men with the best of stuff he had on hand. "CRAVEN A" cigarettes were in abundance. Biscuits were also made available to the boys, and many other goods such as tinned stuff, toilet goods etc.

commonly ) The Bn will long remember the name of Charlie YN (as he is known to all ranks) for the times he has been with this Bn and for his untiring efforts in keeping up with the Bn while on the move, so that he could supply the boys whenever possible, with tinned fruits, cigarettes etc. It was not until the going was very rough and that it was not safe for his bus to go any further, owing to enemy aircraft which were reported to be active around vicinity where we were heading, that Mr. Bennett returned to replenish and ~~return~~ later rejoin the Bn. The Bn joins together, always, to thank Mr. Bennett and his staff for their services to this Bn.

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