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ARMY FORM C.2118

**WAR DIARY**

or

Unit 131st Fd Regt RA

**~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~**

(Erase heading not required)

Month and Year June 1944

Commanding Officer Lt Col J.M. HAILEY R A

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
June 1st -	13th.		At ASHINGTON, this period was spent preparing for the attack across the channel. Waterproofing was completed, and final stocks of stores etc are collected and issued. For the last 8 days of the period the Regiment was at 6 hours notice to move. Orders finally came through on the afternoon of the 13th of June.	
Ashington	14th	0830	Regimental Column (Convoy No S.E. 3505) departs en route for Marshalling area.	
Romford Area	15th		In Marshalling area waiting for return of LST.	
Tilbury	17th	2200	First party consisting of half of Regiment (318 all ranks) embarked on USS LST 528. Personnel consisted of one troop 319 Bty, 495 Bty in toto, and RHQ. Comd Lt Col JM Hailey, R.A. Second Party embarked on USS LST 390 (294 all ranks). Personnel consisted of Major Stewart (comd) 320 Bty, and 319 Bty less one troop.	
Courseulles (Juno Beach)	22nd		Personnel on LST 390 disembarked and proceeded to location near St Audrieux.	
	23rd		" " " LST 528 " " " " " " "	
Audrieu	24/25	0300	Completion of move to forward area near Bronay. Preparation to support attack on Tourville, Mondrainville, and bombardment of Cheux	
	26th		Bombardment of Cheux. 320 'C' Troop OP reported missing.	
	27th		Move to new location near Cheux. Sgt McDowall killed in battle accident. Capts Clark and Henderson (319 Bty) evacuated with wounds in face	
	28th.		Return of Capt Peppiatt and 320 OP party, having escaped from capture. L/Bdr Malcolm evacuated suffering from Shellshock from British bombardment of Cheux	
	29th	1800-2200	Concentrations of regts and of Divisional Arty to repel counter attacks	

	30th		Stray tanks in front of gun position repelled by own armour. Captain Mundie and 319 OP party killed by mortar fire near Grainville. Maj Cornwell (495) evacuated suffering from shrapnel wounds.	
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