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ARMY FORM C.2118

WAR DIARY

or

Unit 181 Fd Reg

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Commanding Officer Lt Col A.C.E. Devereux

Month and Year June

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
	1-8		Record lost at sea.	
Worthing	9		L.O. to District H.Q. to receive movement orders.	
	10		Regt moves to marshalling area.	
	11		Vehicles sent to dockyard - no loading as ships not available. Regt split into two parties.	
	12		Vehicles loaded on to MT ships. 177 Bty and part of RHQ sailed.	
	13		Remainder of regt aboard. By evening both ships anchored off Southend awaiting convoy.	
At Sea	14		Remained anchored all day; convoy sails at 2100 hrs.	
	15		Convoy steaming down channel with no enemy opposition. French coast sighted late afternoon and anchored off Arromanches by 2200 hrs.	
	16		A certain number of vehicles ashore, but unloading held up by swell and lack of small craft.	
	17		Sea still bad and stevedores experienced difficulty in handling derricks.	
	18		A few more vehicles ashore.	
	19		One ship emptied: part of RHQ and 177 Bty still to land.	
	20		Accident to 'rhino': two guns, Adjts half track, regt office and several vehicles lost.	
	21		Regt complete, less above vehicles & remainder of one ship in conc area.	
	22		Recce of forward areas and gun positions - amn dumped.	
	23		Preparation of new posns continued: rest of regt arrives.	
	24		Regt moves into action at Bronay.	
	25		7 casualties during move in in early hours from enemy harassing fire. 1 offr wounded: 3 OR killed 3 OR wounded.	
Bronay	26	0730 0831	Operation Epsom commenced 15(S) Div advance under strong barrage Left flank reaches first objective right flank held up by minefield. 6 RSF on left have difficulty in St Mauvieu. Throughout morning fire brought down on numerous Victor targets.	

		1150 1755 1920 2100	Officer sent to recce route to forward gun area. Held up by pockets of enemy on rt flank and advance of guns postponed. Report of enemy forming up for counter attack in Marcelet. This place engaged scale 40 by corps arty and attack did not materialise in any force. Further counter attack expected but did not occur. Report received that B Tp cmdr had been killed during the day - Capt J.C. CORY-WRIGHT.	
	27	1400	During the night objective taken over by Tps of 43 Div. Regt remains in action during the day with advance parties ready to move. Several M & U tgts fired. Adv parties move to new gun area followed by the whole regt hours later. New area reported to contain snipers, all ground searched.	
Nr Cheux	28		Little of note during first part of day. Infantry pushing forward and mopping up enemy left behind.	
	29		Heavy enemy counter attack expected from S.W. in early morning. 8 RS continue to push forward. Guns firing continuously throughout morning. Numerous enemy thrusts reported and some penetration of our lines believed to have taken place. By early evening situation confused. Enemy reported to have broken through and gun position prepared for local defence. Enemy reach point 1000 yds in front of gun position but later withdraw. Infantry reorganise during the night.	
	30		Numerous enemy thrusts met by infantry and large concs on DF tgts. Guns firing almost continuously from early hours of morning and throughout the day. Situation unchanged at end of day. Further attacks expected to follow.	