

War Diary
57th (East Surrey) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (T.A.)

April 1940	
Chard 2 April	0759. Rear column Road Party passed S.P. on route for Port of Embarkation. Column under Command Major J.R.C. Christopher R.A. [The Party consisted of 208 officers and men, 122 vehicles, 48 guns and 38 motorcycles]
4 April	Lt R. Wealleans reported
6 April	Regt O.O. No 2 issued [Regiment less Road Party is moving to Port of Embarkation]
8 April	0950. Rail Party entrained for Southampton 1500. Rail Party Embarked
9 April	0900. Rail Party Disembarked at Cherbourg 1800. Rail Party Entrained at Cherbourg
10 April	0645. Rail Party Detrained at La Hutte 1145. R.H.Q. established Courgains
Courgains 11 April	0530. Advance Party left for Concentration Area
15 April	0700. Regt left for Staging Area 1430. Regt arrived Pacy sur Eure
16 April	0710. Regt left Pacy sur Eure for Concentration Area 1700. R.H.Q. established Chateau Pres Decelle, Fontaine Bonneleau 979377 225 Bty established Fontaine Bonneleau 226 Bty established Catheux 227 Bty established Bonneleau 228 Bty established Bonneleau
Prouzel 18 April	1115. Regt left Fontaine Bonneleau 1300. HQ established Prouzel
19 April	1145. Div O.O. No 4 dated 18 April 40 received
20 April	1433. Regt O.O. No 3 issued [Move from Prouzel to Outersteene]
21 April	0800. Advance Party left Prouzel 1630. 44 Div Adm Order No 1 received 1630. 44 Div O.O. No 5 received [44 Div will relieve 51 Div in the sector excl R. Lys]
22 April	0749. C.O. and Adj left Prouzel for a 'Forward' destination Capt T.H. Robinson A/Adj Suspect brought with Gendarmerie by 225 Bty for questioning re photography adjacent to our guns, etc.
23 April	1000. Capt Robinson visited Rosières RAF Intelligence for developing of seized film which proved to be non-committal Major G.P. Chapman A/C.O. inspected all Guns & Vehicles in the Regt.

24 April	0830. Regt left Prouzel 1743. R.H.Q. established Outtersteene 225 established Le Doulieu 226 established Outtersteene 227 established Monchycayeux 228 established Le Doulieu
<i>Outtersteene</i> 25-27 April	Settling in billets
29 April	1700. Lt Col Travers and Capt Foulger Conference Div HQ 44 Div O.O. No 7 received [44 Div will advance to area West of Audenaarde with a view to occupying a defensive position]
	Command Lt Col R.L. Travers OBE RA throughout April