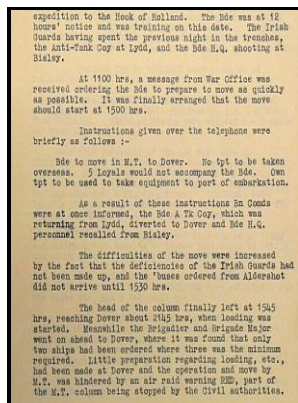


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## Battle of Boulogne

They were fairly charging about. Every attempt to extinguish the fire fails.

## Boulogne book by Jon Cooksey

Courtesy RHQ Irish Guards Looking south along the Quai Chanzy where Irish Guards are unloading stores from the Queen of the Channel. The bridges held by the Guards were demolished by the Royal Engineers before the Irish Guards barricaded the streets with vehicles and withdrew to the harbour.

## Boulogne: 20 Guards Brigade's Fighting Defence

The A16 Autoroute, opened in 1998, conveys travellers swiftly from Calais before swinging them around that arc of high ground which overlooks Boulogne from the east and over vertiginous viaducts on their journey towards Abbeville, Amiens and the Paris Basin.

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Being a large, modern town Boulogne has abundant services and a wealth of hotels and restaurants to suit every taste and pocket.

## Battle of Boulogne

Only forty would manage to get back home and most of the sixty who would later be posted as killed, wounded or missing were already lost. The brigade was landed in Boulogne on the morning of 22 May 1940 and hit by the advance guard of the 2nd Panzer Division eight hours later.

## Channel Ports

The Germans it seemed had disappeared. OC 12 Platoon, 4 Company, 2 Welsh Guards.

### **Boulogne book by Jon Cooksey**

Most of the British troops had gone but about 300 Welsh Guards remained. Some of the events which unfold on these pages were taking place at the same time as the bitter fighting for Calais, then not much more than a forty minute truck ride away. No sooner had they gone than Lieutenant Colonel Stanier received a message informing him that the Germans had invaded Holland and the Low Countries and that 2 Welsh Guards were to sail immediately with 2 Irish Guards forming a small force to assist the Dutch in safeguarding their government and stabilising the situation in The Hague.

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