

John Mogg**Landing on Gold Beach**

First two shells that landed in the water fairly near the boat, they destroyed any sign of seasickness on anyone, any of the soldiers at all. You wouldn't have noticed. They were all ready to go like mad to get out of it. And we had to jump into about three foot of water and wade ashore. And there were a lot of obstacles to get ashore because there were one or two carriers from the previous battalion which had been beached ashore and you had to climb over those. And that was the only casualty we had, we lost the signals sergeant. There was an enormous great hole of water and he went down and he never came up again. It was a scene of a lot of activity by the beach brigade trying to make holes through the mines. There were flail tanks which had been landed trying to flail up the mines. There were one or two carriers that had been brewed up. There were the odd sort of tank that had been brewed up and there were little medical stations and there had been some casualties there from the previous battalions. There was not a great deal of shelling coming on us. We had no casualties at all and it was really quite, almost peaceful. You heard an awful lot of noise going on ahead of you.