

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER



OFFICAL WAR DIARY
**BRITISH VIII
 CORPS**



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MORNING 18 JULY 1944

7 ARMD ATTACHED S/E THROUGH TOUFFREVILLE.
TO STANNVILLE LEAD ELEMENTS ACHIEVED
EMINVILLE. UNITS 1/6 QUEENS PUSHED BACK
BY EN C/A.

11 ARMD ATTACK ^S ~~AT~~ → CULMAYVILLE / DAMOUILLE.
ENC. STRONG EN RESISTANCE ⁺ AT GIBREVILLE

GUARD DIV - DEPLOY EAST OF CULMAYVILLE AT
S. TO ESTABLISH DEFENSIVE LINE EMINVILLE -
CAGNY.

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11 ARMD → CONT TO INITIAL OBJECTIVES
OF GIBREVILLE + DAMOUILLE THEN ADV TO
SOLIGNY.

7 ARMD DIV. - TO SEIZE LE HAUVRE.
EN'S DEFENSIVE LINE LE HAUVRE + EMINVILLE.

GUARDS TO ADV CAGNY AS RAPIDLY AS
POSSIBLE, RESPECTING EXISTING BDRS.

+ CONTRO
PROGRESS ON L/FLANK, GOOD, PROGRESS
ON R/FLANK (11 ARMD) SLOW.

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NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

11 ARMED DIV TO CONSOLIDATE
ON OBS + DEFEND.
NIGHT ATTACK.

7 ARMED DIV CONSOLIDATED + DEFEND O/NIGHT.

GUARDS ARMED - CONSOLIDATED + PREPARED
TO TAKE CAGNY.

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MORNING 19 JULY 1944

7 ARMED

ASSAULT EMIEVILLE + ESTB A LINE
ST PIERRE - EMIEVILLE. + EXPLOITED TO
ST PIERRE OURSAY.

11 ARMED

ASSAULTED SOLIERU + PRESSED ON TO
FOUR.

GUARDS ARMED

ATTACKED CAGNY - SLOW PROGRESS.

FIGHTING HARD ALL WAY ALL FRONTS.

VIII ASSETS - MOVED UP TO ORIGINAL START LINE.

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PROGRESS ON ALL FRONTS SLOW, BUT
 STEADY ADVANCE. CAGNEY STILL
 HELD BY EN, DESPITE BEING SURROUNDED
 ON 3 SIDES BY OUR MOUNTS;
 ELEMENTS OF
 GDS PUSHED ON TO LA HOGUE BUT
 PULLED BACK.

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NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

ALL FORCES TO CONSOLIDATE +
 PREPARE TO ATTACK IN MORNING.
 CORPS ASSET 2 HCR ~~TO~~ ADV TO
 FRENVILLE PROP TO RECCO TO
 FRONT OF GDS DIV.
 SMALL ELEMENT OF SS STILL IN-
 OUTSIDE OF CAGNEY (LE POISSON)
 1 BTY OF ⁹¹ A/T ATT TO EA DIV.

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MORNING 20 JULY 1944

EN ASSAULT ALL ALONG FRONT LINE.

GDS + 11 ARMD POSITED IN (DOWNED) BUT HELD.

LARGE GAP OPENED UP ON 7th + 3 DIV BDMY, BUT ~~HELD BY AIRBORNE~~ NOT EXPLOITED BY EN.

~~ASSAULT~~ AIR INTERDICTION *

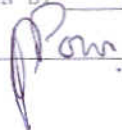
ASSAULT BY 3 DIV CLOSED GAP.
7 DIV MOVED UNITS TO CLOSE GAP.

* REGRETTABLY SOME DAMAGE CAUSED TO UNITS OF 7 ARMD.

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~~EN~~ FRONT LINE CONSOLIDATED + EN POSITED BACK.

SOME ACTION 3 CDW + 11 ARMD CAUSED REMAINING SOB HVY BN TO SURRENDER.

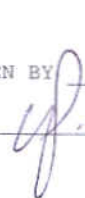
LINE 7th / 3 BRAD ** HELD - EN FORCED OUT.

ALL UNITS NOW V. TIRED. + LITTLE REALISTIC PROSPECT OF FURTHER LARGE GAINS.

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