

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER

Great work all round. Honours especially to the Queen's Own Rifles and Le Regiment de la Chaudiere. I am happy <sup>to report</sup> our return to the liberated town of Caen riding on the Tiger II's we captured!

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OFFICIAL WAR DIARY

# CANADIAN 3RD DIVISION



MORNING 18 JULY 1944

Eighth Brigade is across the Orne, Queen's Own and Le Regiment in position on the edge of Le Plateau. We aim to move the 8th through here to face Le Charmettes.

The 9th is ready to advance in column along the road to the west, heading south between Le Plateau and the major rail line. They are to leapfrog ahead to tomorrow to Cormelle-le-Foyal, encircling Caen.

The 7th will advance across the canal to the Orne, forming a screen before our artillery.

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AFTERNOON 18 JULY 1944

The 8th attack went in ~~and~~ meeting German Army Infantry in prepared positions. Enemy sustained heavy casualties for our light 8th will push on into Le Plateau - 9th will cross the river and advance parallel to the rail line. 7 Recce will be in advance <sup>moving</sup> to the Caen - Paris railway line.

7th advanced to the river after the aerial bombardment and are preparing for a possible push across the river when enemy strength is weaker.

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NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

(NSK  
WRC)  
T6th  
10th  
Amoured

8th got tactical respite and were held at Le Plateau - the enemy taking heavy casualties.

7 Base located midway between the two rail lines

1 CGR took casualties from artillery

9th got held up in a roadblock

because of the failed push into

Le Plateau (and confusion over boundaries)

Push will continue into Le Plateau.

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MORNING 19 JULY 1944

Attack on Le Plateau was an overwhelming success - Enemy broke and ran and we lost contact.

9th (SDFH) moved up to contact at the 1st E-W rail line

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AFTERNOON 19 JULY 1944

Pause + rest.

7 Recce scouting ahead to outskirts  
of Comel.



NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

Additional infantry unit spotted advancing  
to the E-W railway line + attacked  
from the air. (using air support guided  
by the Tankette unit)  
Hce moved up.

SDBH / 27<sup>th</sup> Amal (Keece held)

NVSH / HLC 6th Amal ran into  
Comel after infantry retreat.

Tanks spotted on left flank - units  
in advance. (rumour is 1st SS ??)  
les Charrettes not displaced but with  
heavy casualties.

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MORNING 20 JULY 1944

Condensed night fighting.  
 Infantry retreated out of Caen.  
 Tanks on left flank retreated SE.  
 Remnants Infantry SW -  
 Comelles (S) behind of Nafelueker.  
 Canadian forces now control Caen.

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AFTERNOON 20 JULY 1944

Advance ran into a German line  
 VFS → Bras (E-W). In contact  
 with 9<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> units.  
 Artillery advanced to Caen-Stram  
 road.

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NIGHT 20/21 JULY 1944

Prepared and regrouped the line ready for an assault. Areas of ~~weak~~ battle going on on the left flank 7th & 9th in the front.

8th in reserve.

~~Despite~~ <sup>in the morning</sup> ~~preparation~~ ~~of~~ ~~artillery~~ ~~attack~~ ~~across~~ ~~the~~ ~~boundary~~ ~~was~~

Ask me about the artillery incident later.

MORNING 21 JULY 1944

27th ~~ammunition~~, SDRH 7 ~~have~~ advanced to Soliers ~~see~~ and unit (depleted) of Tiger 2's surrounded.

1 CSR + ~~took~~ a part of the line ~~6 Ammunition~~

against Panzer Crews.

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