

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 ^{to report} 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 ~~well~~ 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 ^{moving} 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 resupply and were held at Le Plateau - the enemy taking heavy casualties.

7 Base located midway between the two rail lines

1 CSR 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 Tankhelic unit)
Hce moved up.

SDBH / 27th Amiel (Keece held)

NVSH / HLIC General Pan with
Comel after infantry retreat.

Tanks spotted on left flank - units
in advance. (rumour is 1st SS ??)
les Charolles 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 9th & 7th 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. Advance of tank battle going on on the left flank 7th & 9th in the front.

8th in reserve.

Despite ^{intensive} ~~prolonged~~ attack artillery attack across ~~the~~ boundary was

Ash me about the artillery incident later.

MORNING 21 JULY 1944

27th armoured, SDRH 7 were advanced to Soliers gap and unit (depleted) of Tiger 2's surrounded.

1 CSR + (took a part of the line 6 Armoured)

against Panzer Crewaders.

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