

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER

AN EXCELLENT OPERATION. POOR ARMY COMMS EARLY ON GOT IRONED OUT AND WE INFLICTED SOME VERY HEAVY LOSSES ON THE GERMANS, SPITFIRES FARED POORLY BUT NOT THEIR IDEAL THEATRE. OTHERWISE, DESPITE SOME LOSSES, A GOOD RESULT IN TERMS OF DAMAGE DONE.

UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WITH THE LATE FRIENDLY FIRE BUT AT LEAST THE RAID WENT WELL. A LESSON FOR THE ARMY I THINK. WHEN WE ASK IF YOU'RE IN POSITION, TELL US!

OVERALL A GOOD BATTLE FOR THE RAF.

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OFFICAL WAR DIARY

RAF Second
Tactical Air
Force

MORNING 18 JULY 1944

BOMBARDMENT ON ALL FRONTS, MUCH
 CONFUSION FROM CHAPS REGARDING OVER-
 STACKING & CONTROL. MUST I DO EVERYTHING?
 BINKIE OFF HER FOOD. MUST CHECK WITH VET.
 MUST ENSURE CANADIANS PULLED BACK FROM
 FRONT IMMEDIATELY AFTER. SOLDIERS WANT
 TO KNOW WHEN BOMBING CEASES. HONESTLY.
 10 AM OR WHEN THE BANGS STOP CHAPS.

SOME RESULTS BACK. NO LOSSES. A TRIUMPH!
 IMPACT OF BOMBING UNCLEAR. INTEL POOR.
 PRESS RELEASE ISSUED HOWEVER. MORALE IS
 EVERYTHING AFTER ALL. BINKIE PERKED UP
 BUT STILL NOT EATING. NO NEWS RE.
 CANADIANS. CONTACTS NOT YET FULLY
 DEPLOYED. GET ON WITH IT CHAPS! TROOP
 HIT HARD. ~~OH~~ I HOPE IT WASN'T PRETTY.

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AFTERNOON 18 JULY 1944

CONFUSED REQUESTS UNCLEAR IF CAS OR INTERDICT
 NEEDED S. OF GIBREVILLE. AM BOMBING AREA.
 CAS WITHIN ON FORWARD PROBE. HEAVY INTERDICT
 LE HOGUE - LE BAS PÉ B. BINKIE V. DEPRESSED. VET
 UNHELPFUL. QUITE WORRIED. ASSUME CANADIANS
 ALIVE AS NO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.
 3 SQUADRONS LOST. SUGGER.

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NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

UTTER CONFUSION. REQUESTS FOR CAS ~~UNUSUAL~~
ARMY USELESS AS EVER. DID THEY EVEN
GO TO ~~SCHOOL~~^{SCHOOL}? YOU CAN TELL ~~EVERYWHERE~~
NOT ETON.

BINKIE SLEEPING. NOSE V. DRY. VERY CONCERNED.

COMMS BETTER ON WHAT'S NEEDED. BUT
NOT WHEN. I DON'T WANT MY BOYS
GETTING FLAK FOR ATTACKS THAT AREN'T
HAPPENING YET.

TIM CALLED CAS ON THEIR OWN POSITION!
THANK GOD OPS CAUGHT IT IN TIME.
EVERYONE TO BED.

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MORNING 19 JULY 1944

CAS AT ~~LE HAVRE~~, EMIEVILLE & TROAUV.
LIGHT CAS AT LE PLATEAU. HEAVY INTERDICTION
~~SOUTH OF GIBERVILLE/AS CAGNY (FRANQUEVILLE)~~
CAGNY. NEWS OF NIGHT FIGHTER ATTACK ON
BRADUE AT 670. MINIMAL GROUND LOSSES, BINKIE
MUCH BETTER TODAY BUT STILL SUFFERED.
LE PLATEAU CAS MOVED TO CORMELLES-LE-ROYAL. OUR
BOYS ADVANCING? COMMAND REPORT GOOD PROGRESS
OVERALL.

SUCCESSFUL RECCES. GOOD INTEL.
124 lost to ~~neutral~~, 144 lost 2 ~~neutral~~.
BLOODY CANADIANS GAVE US THE WRONG TIMING.
INTERDICTIONS WENT WELL.

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BOMBING HEAVY RAID ON MASSED GERMAN
ARMOUR NEAR BONDEVILLE WITH SQUADRONS
RUNNING ~~ON~~ FLAK SUPPRESSION. SPITFIRE
TO CAS AND A SINGLE SQUADRON RUNNING
INTERDICTION SOUTH OF BOULGUEBUS.

BINKIE SLEEPING. NOSE WET AGAIN. WUZZAH!

FLAK SUPPRESSION A TRIUMPH. BOMBING RAID
CAUGHT JERRY PREPARING TO MOVE. HEAVY
ENEMY CASUALTIES. ENEMY HQ HIT!

MEDALS FOR ME I THINK. ~~FOR~~ PLUS
OPS AND THE MEN OF COURSE,

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NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

DOWN THE PUB.
TROUSERS ALL ROUND!

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MORNING 20 JULY 1944

ORDERING INTERDICTIONS ON THE BEAUVOR-
TROTETAL ROAD AND ON TO BOURG-UEBUS AND
BEYOND.

BINKIE FRISKY. VERY PLEASED.

RECON RESULTS IN. MOSTLY FLAK & INFANTRY
FORCE AT BONAUVILLE MOVING UP TOWARDS OUR
TROOPS.

WEATHER CLOSING IN. LOSING VISIBILITY.

HASTY LOSSES TO FLAK. SPECULATIVE ATTACKS
CLEARLY LESS SUCCESSFUL APPROACH. MAY NOT
BE ABLE TO ATTACK IN AFTERNOON.

INTERDICTION RESULTS POOR. A DISAPPOINTING
MORNING.

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AFTERNOON 20 JULY 1944

GERMANS FALLING BACK. NEWS STILL
COMING IN OF OUR RAID OF 19 JULY PM.
SERIOUS DISRUPTION TO THAT DIVISION.
AM VERY PROUD OF THE WHOLE GROUP.
BINKIE FULLY RECOVERED. ALL TOLD NOT
A BAD RESULT (FOR US, BLOODY BAD
FOR JERRY).

WEATHER CLEARING! SEND THE LADS OUT!
INTERDICTIONS ALL ROUND! WELL, AROUND
ST-PIERRE OUSIN. PLUS SOME CAB OF COURSE.

OUR BLOODY TROOPS DUG INTO INTERDICTION ZONE. MOVING
ZONE BACK. WHY CAN'T THEY COMMUNICATE!

7TH ARMY 2KM OUT OF POSITION AND SO IN OUR ZONE.
TENTACLE COST PLUS SOME OF OUR LADS ON THE GROUND.
WE'D CONFIRMED TARGETS WITH THEM TWICE.

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WHY WERE THEY
THERE?

NO FLAK SO NO LOSSES OF OUR BOYS AT LEAST.
OTHERWISE THOUGH ATTACK V. SUCCESSFUL &
ENEMY HIT HARD & WELL.

NIGHT 20/21 JULY 1944

REPORTS OF HITLER'S DEATH, LET'S
 HOPE IT'S TRUE. LADS GETTING A WELL
 DESERVED REST AFTER A GOOD RAID
 (SAVE ^{FOR} THOSE UNFORTUNATE ARMY BOYS
 IN THE WRONG POSITION).

TAKING BINKIE FOR A WALK. ALL TOLD
 THE GROUP DID WELL. A GOOD BATTLE.

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BAD WEATHER FORECAST FOR TOMORROW.
 OUR PART MAY BE DONE HERE. OFF
 HOME FOR A GOOD HOT BATH.

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MORNING 21 JULY 1944

A NICE LIE IN!

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