

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 <sup>S</sup> ~~AT~~ → CULMAYVILLE / DAMOUILLE.  
ENC. STRONG EN RESISTANCE <sup>+</sup> AT GIBREVILLE

GUARD DIV - DEPLOY EAST OF CULMAYVILLE  
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 ARMD DIV TO CONSOLIDATE  
ON OBS + DEFEND.  
NIGHT ATTACK.

7 ARMD DIV CONSOLIDATED + DEFEND O/NIGHT.

GUARDS ARMD - CONSOLIDATED + PREPARED  
TO TAKE CAGNY.

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7 ARMD

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

11 ARMD

ASSAULTED SOLIER + PRESSED ON TO  
FOUR.

GUARDS ARMD

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 <sup>91</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> + 3 DIV BDMY, BUT ~~HELD BY AIRBORNE~~ NOT EXPLOITED BY EN.

~~ASSAULT~~ AIR INTERDICTION \*

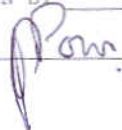
ASSAULT BY 3 DIV CLOSED GAP.  
7 DIV MOVED UNITS TO CLOSE GAP.

\* REGRETTABLY SOME DAMAGE CAUSED TO UNITS OF 7 ARMD.

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

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

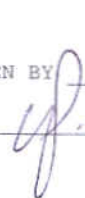
LINE 7<sup>th</sup> / 3 BRAD \*\* HELD - EN FORCED OUT.

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

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