

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER



OFFICAL WAR DIARY

**BRITISH 7TH
ARMOURED
DIVISION**



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MORNING 18 JULY 1944

3 battal groups, armor & mt. } 5. RTA → Touffreville & on to hold Seneville. (Taken easily, light casualties on g.)
 3 H } → Seneville → Emieville. shattered the light opposition there.
 2 AL }
 1 RTA } → Le Havre.
 1 CB }

5 RTA took Touffreville & on to hold Seneville.

8 H took Seneville & Emieville in classic combined army attack w/ art support light losses only

4 L ran into German unit at railway line nr. Seneville. Tough opposition, got thrown back to start line.

1 RB & 2 RTA - moved up to just short of Seneville.

AFTERNOON 18 JULY 1944

8 Hussars dig in Emieville. Kit by heavy enemy armored force. mc. Tigers.

5 RTA took → Le Havre. Took Le Havre with air & artillery support
 1 RB moved up covering the flank.
 4 London move up Seneville. Occupied it to support the forward position.

Driven out of Emieville by Tigers, but took Le Havre.

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NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

Preparing overnight for ^{possible} morning assault
on Emieville, shifting up.

C. Air Reg on 8 Huss.

MORNING 19 JULY 1944

8 Hussar attack Emieville with air & artillery support.
1 RB attack up to St. Pierre. → massive success.
→ big success
4 London follow up into Emieville.
5 RTR move to le Havre / St. Pierre line.

Emieville taken!

St. Pierre taken!

"Perfect" attacks.

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AFTERNOON 19 JULY 1944

8 Hussars reoccupied.

Probe to Bellemeville (4 Locom & 5 RTR)

1 RB probe to Argences. ^{with CAS.}

Attempting to move up & establish a new line
Bellemeville to Argences.

Pushed back to Emieville by enemy attack
(tanks) with strong enemy artillery fire.

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NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

Regroup & dig in around Emieville.

Artillery move up to Sanerville overnight.

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MORNING 20 JULY 1944

Attach the SS tanks to our side using
 anti-aircraft supporting S.R.T.R.

All units digging in to defend* with
 appropriate air support & defensive artillery.

* following new orders "from the top."

Have been some contradictory orders from above!

Germans into Le Havre threatening rear.

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AFTERNOON 20 JULY 1944

Own side orders an air strike on us! whilst
 Germans get around behind us into Le Havre.
 Hoping to plug the gap to Sarnesville with
 the 4 London.

12 SS ^{Panzer} Germans pushed back, caught between 4 London
 & 3rd Div. Victory!

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NIGHT 20/21 JULY 1944

Hold!

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MORNING 21 JULY 1944

~~Attack into Franqueville, with 5 STR + all our
art. support.
Other units hold!~~

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