

## SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER

I was disappointed the Guards brought up the rear - but we soon overtook our rivals the 7th & 11th armoured. Our orders felt timid and we managed to circumvent much of the conservative nature of those orders.

It's a shame stopped when we did as we were making towards a breakout in the morning.

If only the 7th held the flank more securely.

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NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

our Welsh night attack was successful and the ground to Cagny is now cleared.

our Coldstream night attack on Eniseville was easily repulsed but will have given the enemy little rest before 7th armoured division remind themselves ~~of~~ about forward gears - hopefully.

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MORNING 19 JULY 1944

We look favourably over mining left waffe in Pantry & employed 88 units. Suffered heavy casualties. Our flank covered by 7th armoured is an increasing concern.

The overall Army orders are very limited and a breakout is for the bdd to take. I've "intrepreted" my orders to be bolder!

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AFTERNOON 19 JULY 1944

We finally captured Cagny  
 discovering heavy SS Pz  
 units in southern suburbs.  
 We prepare to eliminate  
 them.

We pushed and probed further  
 south beyond Trenville &  
 requested Army recce unit  
 which has now arrived.

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NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

We probe south with Coldstream  
 infantry towards Le Bas du Val we  
 will take the ridge!  
 Recce regt. has arrived but army  
 said we control it, corps say  
 they do. Deep joy at being commended.  
 Sadly the orders to dig in didn't  
 reach the forward in time - we keep  
 advancing tomorrow - happy hunting

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MORNING 20 JULY 1944

Our attacks faltered on Le Bas du Val with strong panzer grenadiers & strong regts. But we bashed them and will finally roast them this afternoon when we fully retake Frenoville.

The Welsh thrashed another panzer and grenadier unit but have little energy or impetus to continue - they dig in.

The real worry again is the 7th and the flank they leave exposed. Surely a head their must roll?

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AFTERNOON 20 JULY 1944

Our attack against the pocket of Frenoville smashed the German units who with drew we have a strong line of defence and prepare ~~out~~ our next attacks - hally ho!

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NIGHT 20/21 JULY 1944

We ~~re~~ rearranged our units to prepare for Coldstreams & Grenadiers to attack towards Secqueville at first light. Rumours of Hitler's death and a new chancellor filtering down from contacts at SWAEF.

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MORNING 21 JULY 1944

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