

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER

Attached on a narrow 3km front

3km narrowed to 2km

It was a relief to be able to
cross the railways at last - not
so nice to bump into Tiger II
but they died!

Will be ready to fight again on
the day after tomorrow.

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BRITISH 11TH ARMoured DIVISION



MORNING 18 JULY 1944

- o Huge air bombardment on our front.
- o Div organised into Brigade Groups + Battlegroups
- o Advance due South.

Result

Front Line 3 RTR + 4 kSLI (right)
23 Hussars + 1 Hereford (left)

Advanced into x 2 contact Lutt and
pushed ~~back~~ forward to Gibe / Demouville.
Now 4 x Lutt in prepared defence.

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AFTERNOON 18 JULY 1944

- Int assessment enemy armour hit by
air strikers not Solier, Le Poitier,
le Perrette.

← REDOUBLED VS DEMOUILLE KICKED
LW BACK ~~TO~~ 2 KM

← HELD AROUND GIBERVILLE BUT
DAMAGE DONE

FACING REMNANT 4 LW ~~Batt~~

Battalians + contact PG - (ARMY, NOT SS?)

- Planning for night assault to try on

+ Probe South

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NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

- Ordered the Artz to move forward while
 enjoying 3 Med from KTEL Cpt + 1 from
 Army (61, 63, 77)
 ↳ 68 Med

Resting RTR + KSLI

Probe 23M + 1M

Attack 8RB

Attack 3MON

Few losses during the night
 kicked the LW out of the woods - now
 facing 2 battalions of Panzer Grenadiers

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MORNING 19 JULY 1944

CRUSHED 21 PTD Pts in
 village

Prepared for afternoon of
 major advance

Need 1 SPAT from CORPS

IN SOLDIERS - ENEMY MK V
 Across Runway → TIGERS SPOTTED
 XH + 23M VICTORIOUS BUT
 TIERED

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AFTERNOON 19 JULY 1944

15K10 SOLIERET - met 1SS
 ACROSS RAILWAY (W) of GRENVILLE
 (eliminated 21PZ SPAT)

ELIMINATED 21PZ PGB @ K65
 BUT 23M + 1M TIRAD

RESERVE AT GRENVILLE

STUKAD !!

NEED TO MOVE ARTY FWD

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NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

Quiet night.

Tiger II to our right.

Soldiers in contention

Four also in contention.

Little fighting.

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MORNING 20 JULY 1944

Taken punishment and pushed out
at Soliers. Post Grenadier-like then
Enemy reforming.

3 RTR + 4 KSLI + 20 Hus + 1 Here
digging probing forward but generally
holding line Soliers E → Le Poirier W.

2 Northans + 8 RB W of rail line
hit by Tiger II's but holding.

2 x Panzer Grens destroyed at Soliers →
Le Poirier

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AFTERNOON 20 JULY 1944

Heroic defense by 3 RTR + 4 KSLI
E at Soliers to beat off 155 Panzer
grens and Panthers.

German forces withdraw S at Soliers.

2 Northans + 8 RB taken heavy casualties
against Tiger II W of rail line but
many Tiger II destroyed.

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NIGHT 20/21 JULY 1944

23 Hussars move forward to U at rail line to prevent Tiger II escape allowing Canadians to finish the job started by 2 Northans + 8 RB. Tigers caged.

All other troops dig in on a strong defensive line Soldiers → Four but Germans have withdrawn to Bourquebus

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MORNING 21 JULY 1944

First 2000 moved to the line at

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