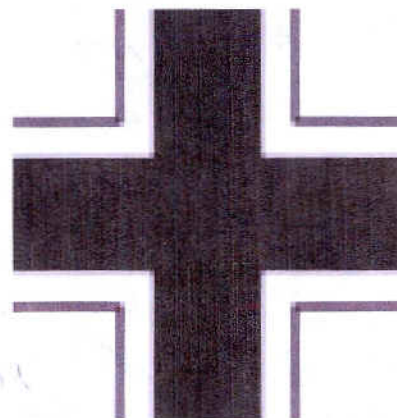


SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS BY COMMANDING OFFICER



OFFICAL WAR DIARY
GERMAN 272
DIVISION



+
 12 SS
 BY
 ANDY S

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MORNING 18 JULY 1944 ~~PRE~~ 1230

MORNINGS HEAVY BOMBINGS
ON THE AREA AROUND
DIV HQ. NO COMMS TO
REGTS MASSIVE ARTY FIRE HEARD
TWOS CAEN

THE SPEED AT WHICH DIV HQ TOOK COVER UNDER THEIR MAT
TABLE MEANT CASUALTIES WERE FEW

CORPS CONCEPT. APPARENTLY
THE PLAN IS THAT AFTER
ABSORBING THE ENEMY ATTACK
FWD WE WILL COUNTERATTACK
AND THEN, BY THE END OF
THE OPS, WE WILL HAVE
CROSSED THE ONE WE OF
CAEN. CAEN IS TO BE HELD

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~~WE~~ WE ARE PLEASED TO BE OFF TO
A FLANK!

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AFTERNOON 18 JULY 1944

BOMBING RESULTS DIV HQ
FUSBR, IR 981 IN TROARN,
IR 980 IN RES NW 3/14 + 4/27Z
ALL HIT.
IR 982 DRIVEN IN BY MASSIVE
BOMBARDMENT + THEN INF, ARMOUR
+ FLAMETHROWERS

BRIT ATTACK ON TROARN
3 (BR) DIV + SHERMANS
+ ARTY. IR 981 HOLDS
WITH LOSSES DUE TO
ARTY + NW SUPPORT
BRITS FLANK TO OUR LEFT
IR 981 SAYS IT CAN HOLD
NEXT DAY PROVIDED IT
CONTINUES TO RECEIVE
ENTRY WRITTEN BY ARTY SUPPORT

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PLANS MADE TO RELOCATE
SOME OF DIV ~~ARTY~~ ^{Page} ~~ARTY~~ TO ARSENCES
Z1 P2 IN BATTLE NR EMIÉVILLE

NIGHT 18/19 JULY 1944

IR 981 HOLDS TROAN
 IR 982 DEPLOYS IN WOODS
 1KM S OF TROAN
 LE MAVRE RETAKEN
 IR 980 HOLDS

12SS DEPLOYS FROM
 AREA ROCQUANCOURT -
 SARCELLES TO
 272 AREA - BUT NO
 CLEAR ORDERS FROM CORPS
 EXCEPT TO HOLD TROAN

INT 3 X BRIT ARMD
 DIVS DRIVING SE. BETWEEN
 EMIÉVILLE + CASNY !!

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MORNING 19 JULY 1944

MASSIVE ATTACK ON TROAN
 EN ON BOTH FLANKS
 IR 981 LOST TOUCH.

TANKS, ~~ARTY~~ + CAS HIT IR 980
 AND DRIVEN OUT OF ST
 PIERRE OURSIN OVER CANAL

12SS ~~ORDE~~ STUCK IN
 TRAFFIC JAMS WITH LAH
~~NO~~ ACROSS ITS ROUTE
 CLEAR THAT CORPS HAVE
 NO IDEA EXCEPT OF A
 FRONTAL BATTLE WITH
 THE BRITS.

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KS GILES IP 2 BN 2 PGR BNS
 ATTACKS FROM
 ARSÈNCES WEST v
 7 ARMD DIV
 KS LUFT 1 P2 BN 1 PGR BN ENKR
 SUPPORT 772 DIV TROAN

AFTERNOON 19 JULY 1944

IR 982 + IR 981 RUN FROM
TROARN V HEAVY LOSSES
KS LUFT COUNTERATTACK
+ RETAKE SOME OF THE
GROUNDAS THE ENEMY
WITHDRAW TWDS LE HAVRE
KS GILLES COUNTERATTACKS
7 ARMD NEAR PETIT
CHATEAU + THROW THEM
BACK.

PSR 25 STARTING TO
ARRIVE AT PETIT CHATEAU

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NIGHT 19/20 JULY 1944

PSR 25^x PAK
CLOSES UP
TO PETIT CHATEAU
LA PERRETTE

KS GILLES 1/12 PR
2/26 PSR
3/26 PSR

RE-ORG JUST BEHIND PETIT
CHATEAU

272 RESROUPS AROUND
DIV HQ AT RG4 (ONLY FUS
BN + I/980. REMAINING INF
RESROUPS TG4

KS LUFT	12SS REGE	} ATTACK ST PAIR PROBE LEHAVRE
	12SS ENGR	
	2/12SS PR	
	1/26SS PSR	

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INT HVY ARMOUR MOVING
SOUTHWARDS NR CASNY
LE POIRIER

WEATHER CLOSING IN

OFFICIAL WAR DIARY

GERMAN 272 DIVISION

MORNING 20 JULY 1944

APPARENTLY 21 Pz VIRTUALLY
WRITTEN OFF
LAH HOLDING SOLDIERS FOUR
+ PLANNING TO ATTACK EN
11 + SDS ARMED DIVS
ANOTHER FRONTAL ATTACK!

WE PLAN TO ATTACK 7
ARMED DIV IN THEIR LEFT
FLANK BUT SUSPECT WE ARE
TOO WEAK TO BE DECISIVE.

AMAZINGLY 346 DIV IS STILL
HOLDING CAEN BUT CORPS
SEEMS TO HAVE MADE NO
ATTEMPT TO USE THE SPACE
TO ENVELOPE THE ENEMY ~~ON~~ RIGHT.

NEWS RECEIVED OF THE
~~ENTIRE~~ BEW'S ASSASSINATED
TRAITORS! WE CAN ONLY
CONTINUE TO FIGHT.

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GERMAN 272 DIVISION

AFTERNOON 20 JULY 1944

NEWS THAT 11 ARMED DIV
UP NEAR SOLDIERS
SDS NEAR FOUR

7 ARMED IN FRENOVILLE
NOT CLEAR WHO HOLDS
FRENOVILLE SO Pz 25 PROBS

Kg SILLES TO ATTACK
CAEN FROM WEST - SUSPECT
TOO WEAK - BUT HIT BY ARTY
+ AIR + COULD NOT MOVE

Kg LUFT - WE WERE TOO BOLD
HVY LOSSES ATTACKED FROM 3
SIDES - FALL BACK TO ARSENCES.

Pz 25 FAILS TO SET INTO
FRENOVILLE SDS ARMED DIV IN

WE SEEM TO HAVE
DRAWN EN ONTO US. LET US
HOPE LAH + 21 Pz BENEFIT!

NIGHT 20/21 JULY 1944

272 Divisional Commander Summary:

Over three days the 272nd were under constant attack. In the best tradition of the Wehrmacht they coolly conducted a phased withdrawal making good use of pre-prepared positions and delayed the allied assault until relieved by 12th SS.

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MORNING 21 JULY 1944

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