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**Orders of the Day**

From: Brigadier G.E. Prior-Palmer, commander 27<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade

To: Lieutenant Colonel, Staffordshire Yeomanry

The long expected invasion of France has begun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Division has landed successfully on Sword beach, with 27<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade in support. Sherman DD tanks from our other two battalions have done the job of clearing the beaches of enemy resistance, now it is your turn to press the advantage and move inland.

Supporting the infantry of 185 Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, you will advance on Caen, 12 km from the coast. If the enemy is caught napping, we may be able to seize this important transport hub on the first day of the invasion.

Your Forces include 3 Companies of Tanks:

A Company: 3 Firefly Sherman Tanks

B Company: 3 Cromwell Mk IV Tanks

C Company: 3 Churchil Mk VII Tanks