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ITALIANS CAUSED LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN  
NAZI DEFENCE PLANS?

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The almost inconceivable passivity encountered before Calabria's fine natural breastworks suggests the last-minute change in the enemy's defence plans may have been dictated by many reasons. Italian soldiers, surrendering with even greater alacrity than they surrendered in Sicily, say they have had orders to lay down their arms. Nevertheless, unanimity with which they have appeared with ready-made white flags and their belongings carefully packed in their best civilian suitcases is too impressive to be written off as a coincidence. The Italian army appears definitely to be in<sup>a</sup> state of mutiny. The complication behind the German's hasty withdrawal is that, recognising the complete futility of looking to their allies for assistance, the Nazis revised their whole defensive scheme at the last minute.

The question "what has happened to the Italian Navy?" has been partially cleared up, but is otherwise obscure even since the Allied soldiers touched down in Europe. Forty representatives<sup>of</sup> that mystic arm were found atop the hill fort which the Canadians had expected to be one of the stiffest of their initial objectives. Although they had plenty of food and ammunition the sailors hadn't fired a shot from either of their two coastal guns.

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