

ONLY FEW CANADIAN CASUALTIES

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Advancing over mountain trails and narrow winding roads demolished in several places by the enemy, the Canadians are working their way through the most mountainous part of south-west Italy, taking upwards of 2,000 Italian prisoners. Some light enemy opposition had been met, but generally it had been mortars firing a few shots on the roads at extreme range.

There had so far been no close infantry combat. It is very much a duplication of the early Sicilian advance, except that the country is far more difficult and roads are much fewer. There has only been a handful of Canadian casualties, and some of these are from road accidents.

I watched infantry marching along the mountain road. To the north troops were making good advance. Commandoes landed at BAGNARA, ten miles north-east of ST. GIOVANNI, opposite MESSINA, and linked up with infantry moving along the coast road, according to report from Headquarters.

Allied fighters are patrolling over the MESSINA STRAITS, and enemy sneak raids on shipping are diminishing. Last night there was no attack at all along the Canadian beaches.