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CANADIANS CAPTURE TOWNS AND 1,500 PRISONERS

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Pushing out patrols in three directions Canadians have occupied more than a dozen towns and villages and captured at least 1,500 Italian prisoners, including one so-called crack battalion that marched in yesterday afternoon with a colonel at its head and surrendered as a unit.

The progress on the Canadians main axis advance so far is limited only by their ability to march over roads that are already making them wonder if the aching climbs of Sicily were not merely a pleasant work-out.

Early today they met first and only vestige of resistance encountered in thirty hours when an enemy mortar damaged a patrolling vehicle.

Later another patrol wirelessly it had taken "a few German prisoners".

German fighter bombers coming over in ones and twos have dropped perhaps half a dozen bombs on beaches but even the enemy's moderate air activities have slackened off since our Spitfires began operating today.

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