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The advance continues successfully. Leading elements of the 8th Army reached San Teresa Di Riva, while early in the morning of 16th August, a daring Commando landing was made further up the coast at a point only 8 miles South of Messina.

7th Army troops have continued their advance and reached Monforte San Giorgio and Gesso, and are in east artillery range of Messina.

The enemy has again relied chiefly on demolitions, although at least one unsuccessful counter attack was launched against 8th Army troops on the east coast road.

The 7th Army also reports some resistance north west of Messina.

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