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THE ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS IN ITALY.

(To March 27, 1944)

The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers have fought in Italy under both the 8th and 5th Armies, and have taken part in operations on the Anzio beach-head.

The Inniskillings landed at Catona on the morning of September 3 and were among the spearhead of our ^{advancing} troops/up the western coast of the Peninsula. They passed through Cantalupo on the last day of October, and during November served on the Western flank of the 8th Army's front, fighting many local actions in bitter weather among the crests and crags of Central Italy.

The Regiment was in action on the Sangro in December, and in January, coming under command of the 5th Army, was in some of the hardest fought engagements on the Garigliano, where it helped to repel enemy counter attacks northwest of Minturno. It remained on the left flank of the 5th Army throughout February and during the early part of March.

In the second week of March it took its place in the line on the Anzio bridge-head. At this period there was little infantry activity on either side, but the division with which the Inniskillings were serving had to its credit the one advance made at this time.

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