



"Oh, the motorcycle, I'm ridin' it!"

"Ah, la moto. Ci sono sopra!"

CANADIAN UNITS OF EIGHTH ARMY PASS ROSSETTA

Aim at Alfonsine After Capturing Important Centre

Rome, Dec. 26. — (AP) Canadian units of the British 8th Army, thrusting out from their firmly-held Naviglio canal bridgehead, have captured Rossetta, 5 1/4 miles north-northwest of fallen Bagnacavallo, and pushed past it to within two miles of Alfonsine, next important road junction in the path of their advance along the Adriatic.

Meet Heavy Fire. To-day's Allied communique also reported all German resistance east of the canal now was "virtually at an end."

The Canadian advance came over ground that had been blanketed by a heavy Christmas snowfall which reduced action reported on the 8th Army front yesterday to probing enemy positions.

In their advance on Rossetta the men of Lt.-Gen. Foulkes' 1st Canadian Corps encountered thick German mortar and machine-gun fire. Rossetta lies ten miles north-west of Ravenna which fell to the Canadians December 4. A little more than two miles beyond it lies Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway.

5th Army Quiet. There was no report to-day of action by British and Polish units of the 5th Army, which were yesterday reported capturing Fievo di Casata, five miles northeast of Faenza, and patrolling across the Senio river, respectively. Only patrol activity was reported to-day from the Allied 5th Army front in central Italy.



"Bet old Monty would have liked one of these"

"Scommetto che al vecchio Montgomery piacerebbe uno di questi!"

L'avanzata canadese è avvenuta su un terreno ricoperto da una pesante nevicata natalizia che ieri ha ridotto le azioni sul fronte dell'VIII Armata al controllo delle posizioni del nemico.

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CANADIANS GAIN ALONG ADRIATIC

Rome, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Despite heavy snow and rain on the Italian front, Canadian and British troops of the 8th Army, fanning out east and west along Lake Comacchio, have advanced up the Adriatic coast as far as Casal Boretti, 9 1/2 miles north of Ravenna.

In addition to reaching this town at the base of a spit of land separating the lake and lagoon from the Adriatic, 8th Army troops further inland reached the banks of the Reno River, which is south of the lake, at a new point.

Elsewhere winter had clamped down on both the 8th and 5th Army fronts, although aggressive patrolling was reported today from the area of Fusignano, between Alfonsine on the Ravenna-Ferrara highway and Bagnacavallo, on the Senio River, where a German raiding party was beaten off.

In four days 8th Army troops have cleared the Germans from 20 square miles of territory between Ravenna and Lake Comacchio, 30 miles to the north, while at least 600 prisoners have been taken.

The advancing Canadian and British troops took four field guns intact, destroyed eight tanks and got quantities of German mortars, anti-tank guns and other equipment.

On the 5th Army front in Western Italy visibility was dimmed to a few yards by flurries of snow and fog blankets. Allied troops could keep contact with the Germans only by moving with great difficulty along slippery mountain paths and through deep snowdrifts.

Although weather restricted flying over the Italian fronts, fighters and fighter-bombers went after shipping along the northwest coast. The well-bombed areas of the Po Valley and Brenner Pass were also attacked.

All the planes returned safely.



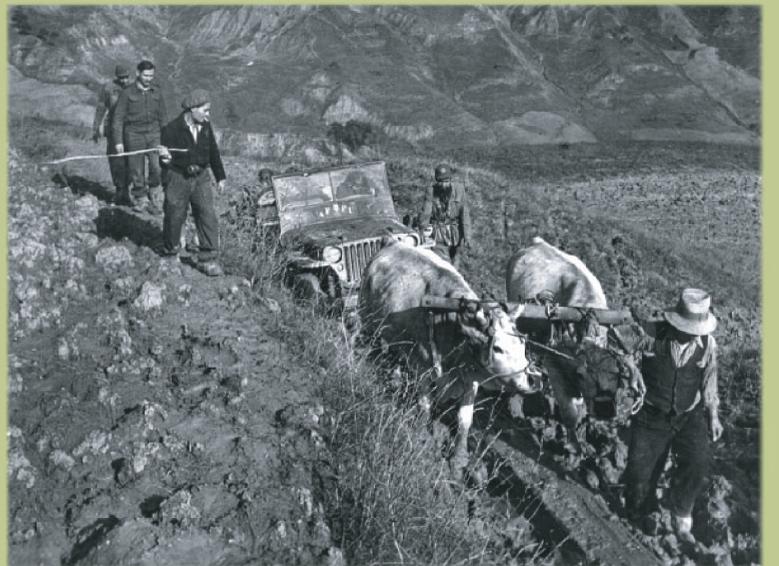
Sul fronte italiano, nonostante le forti nevicature e la pioggia, le truppe britanniche e canadesi dell'VIII Armata si sono aperte a ventaglio a est e a ovest lungo la costa dell'Adriatico e sono arrivate fino a Casal Boretti, 9 miglia a nord di Ravenna.

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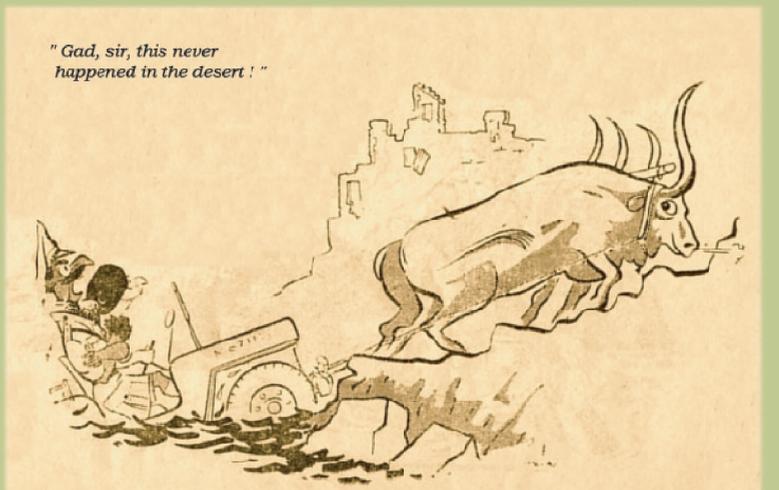
"For the last time, CUT OUT this 'Quack, quack' stuff!"

"Per l'ultima volta! DACCICI UN TAGLIO con tutto questo 'anatrare'!"



"Shall we give him a lift? Remember how useful he was last week"

"Gli diamo un passaggio? Ricordi quanto ci è stato utile la settimana scorsa?"



"Gad, sir, this never happened in the desert!"

"Caspita, signore, questo non succedeva mai nel deserto!"