

**THE ROAD TO ROME.**

A significant breach in the Gustav Line was how the High Command Communique announced our initial success in the new offensive. Castelforte and Coreno were among the first towns to be taken. Early arrivals left warnings of mines hidden in the streets and buildings. The turning of the German right flank was effected by French Troops who made a spectacular advance over the mountains, carrying the fight to Adolf Hitler line.....a magnificent achievement.

Along the one road out of Castelforte Italian refugees retreat from the fury of the battle.

Some miles nearer Cassino British troops, after successfully crossing the River Gari, press on into the Liri Valley where very stiff opposition was encountered.

It becomes a common eyesight to see columns of German prisoners being shepherded along through our lines. One of the first things they do when the Jerries arrive at the P.O.W. Camps is to delouse them. He's got Ansie in his pants.

In their ranks are many youngsters. One has been fighting since he was 17 and has seen service in Denmark.

In a dug out outside St. Angelo they found this wounded Nazi. He got a lift in a JEEP AND JOINED THE OTHERS WHO WERE WENDING THEIR WAY BACK FOR TREATMENT BY OUR R.A.M.C. Their last orders were to hold the Gustav Line at all costs. But Kesselring had to fall back.