

Photographer No.4 - Lieut. A. M. Stirton - Near San Vito, Italy - 2 Jan 44

- 28343 By roadside at Div. postal H.Q. sorting the brigade postal bag
 28344 for delivery to units. L to R L/Cpl A. Bain, Hillcrest, Alta.,
 Cpl. A. H. Preece, Niagara Falls, Ont., Capt. A. T. Gardiner,
 Kingston, Ont. BB
- 28345 After drawing rations, truck stops at postal HQ and gets the
 28346 unit mail. Here Pte. H. N. Cairns, Toronto, and Pte H
 Beausel, Montreal, carry a couple of "Fortress" bags to
 the waiting truck.
- 28348 Under canvas the Fortress mail is speedily sorted for final
 28349 delivery. Sorters L to R, L/Cpl Max Carrise, Ottawa, Pte
 J. Fergus Reid, Toronto, Pte. Pat Paterson, Saskatoon.
- 28350 CU of L/Cpl Maz Carrise, Ottawa, sorting mail.
- 28351 The final stage--the end of the trail for Canada's first
 28352 shipment of Fortress mail. In the front line northwest of
 Ortona, Capt. A. B. Whitelaw, Oshawa, Ont., (1 CAR) Reads
 a letter from his family mailed in Canada on 22 Dec 43.
- 28353 Capt. Whitelaw and his driver, Trp Bill Devitt, Detroit,
 Mich., reading Fortress mail in front of camouflaged scout
 car.
- 28354 About 900 yards behind front line, Lt.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar
 visits Brig. Graham Gibson, in front of the brigadier's caravan.
- 28355 After front line conference at HQ 3 CIB are seen Lt.-Gen.
Crerar, Maj.-Gen. Vokes and Brigs. Gibson and Wyman.
- 28356 In front of camouflaged ops HQ at 3 CIB, Brigs. Gibson and
Wyman, with Lt.-Gen. Crerar.
- 28357 The "Old Bill" of 1 Cdn. Div. At the start of the Italian
 28358 campaign, Capt. Perry Cadegan, Glace Bay, N. S. started
 28359 a moustache and swore not to trim it for the duration. Now
 28360 it has become a legend in 3 CIB.

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Special Service Force--combined American and Canadian specialized fighters--at NOCI on the FIFTH ARMY FRONT BB

A highly trained special task force of Americans and Canadians are fighting north of Venafro on the Fifth Army Front. Referred to by the Germans as "the men with funny pants," because of the bizzare uniform which they wear, these highly trained troops have been in Italy since November, having led the combined American and Canadian forces in the occupation of Kiska in the Pacific. They received their mountain fighting training in Montana, amphibious training in Virginia, and are specialists in sking, demolitions, hand-to-hand fighting. The funny pants are similar to those worn by parachute troops, paratrooping being another phase of their training. Special Service Force gets some tough assignments--usually well ahead of the infantry-- and their objective is always accomplished. It's not unusual to see one wounded S.S. Forcer bringing in a dozen German prisoners, and while casualties have been heavy, not one member of this strange force has been taken alive by the enemy. About 30% of the force is comprised of Canadian Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men. It was originally 50%, but will probably dwindle to a lower percentage as reinforcements are being drawn from the American Army.

- 28361 - Italian Mule Trains are used by the Special Service Force to transport ammunition and supplies through the treacherous mountain defiles as there are no roads or jeep-trails where these lads choose their objectives.
- 28362 - Same as above.
- 28363 - These three casualties walking in from the firing line all turned out to be Canadians. Left to right: Sgt. Roy Cooper, Portage La Prairie, Man; Sgt. Fred Hill, Havelock Ont., and Sgt N.D. Torpe, Metiskow, Alberta (nearly all of the 450 Canadians left in the Force are Officers and N.C.O.'s)
- 28364 - S/Sgt. Allan H. Jamison, California-shrapnel wound in jaw -being assisted to the F.C.S. by Lieut. Lewis A. Kubler, Pittsburg Pa.
- 28365 - Portrait of Lieut. J. Kostelec, Calgary, showing "U.S.-CANADA" shoulder flash worn by all members of the S.S.F. Lieut Kostelec was commissioned in the Field last week along with five other N.C.O.'s.
- 28366 - There is only one way to distinguish the Canadians from the American, and that is to ask him what he is. Lieut. J. Kostelec, Calgary, Alta, and Lieut. H.C. Wilson, Plympia, Washington, resting on the steps of "Forces clearing station" for wounded, the American Officer's wife is Lieut. Val Wilson, C.W.A.C., #3 B.T.C., Kitchener Ont., Force Clearing Station is at NOCI, near next objective, RADICOSA.
- 28367 - Same as 28366
- 28368 - The storm that swept the east coast of central Italy destroyed large supply dumps along the shore. This picture shows hundreds of petrol tins at the mercy of the angry sea.

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- 28369 - (5 Jan 44) Our attempt to reach Trigno air field near *CB* Vasto on the Adriatic coast was abandoned when this C.M.P. jeep foundered while trying to cross a river on the storm swept beach. The two occupants are standing on the hood while waiting to be "rescued".
- 28370 - Same as 28369 .
- 28371 - Indian Division on 8th Army front near Lanciano experiences the first snow of the campaign. Two Indians died from exposure to the severe cold, yet one of the soldiers pushing this stalled lorry is wearing summer shorts.
- 28372 - Return Store Depot' - Salvaged kit bags of Canadian casualties at 1 Cdn Div Supply Point near San Vito.

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- 28373 - Another prisoner arrives under escort of W/O S. Wolsborn, Seattle Washington.
- 28374 - Germans, Canadians, Americans, milling about together in front of the F.C.S. at NOCI.
- 28375 - U.S. Medical Corps litter bearers carrying wounded American.
- 28376 - A batch of Germans carry their own wounded back of the
28377 - lines.
- 28378 - Lieut. W.H. Langdon, Timmins Ont., carrying full kit, is about to go forward to join his unit.
- 28379 - Muleteers descending rocky path through mountains.
- 28380 - Although suffering with frozen feet and shrapnel wound in his hand, Pte N.L. Shaver, Battle Creek Michigan, brings in a German prisoner.
- 28381 - Same as 28380.
- 28382 - Italian muleteers wend their way through mountain village.
- 28383 - One soldier left his walking-out trousers to be washed by the Signorina shown holding them in the picture, in anticipation of a visit to nearby Naples.
- 28384 - Three members of the U.S.- CANADA Force file cautiously along mountain trail through a cluster of peasant homes.

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Ortona Area 7 Jan 44 - Crerar Visit

- B/B
- 28385 - Brig. R.A. Wyman, Edmonton and Lieut.-Gen H.D.G. Crerar looking over scene of recent battle for Ortona at Ortona crossroads.
- 28386 - Crerar speaks to men of 14 CAR (B Sqn working with the 8 Indian Div near Tollo) in muddy street outside farmhouse (HQ of the sqn) at the front.
- 28387 - Crerar leaving farmhouse HQ after having tea and speaking to men in front lines
- 28388 - Crerar chatting with men of 11 CAR
- 28389 - Crerar greeting L/Cpl. R.W. Tomlinson, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, a tank crew member who was through the Ortona battle and Moro River crossing. On left is Tpr. M. Backwell, Peterborough Ont. In background is Major J.I. Kerr. All are of the 11 CAR
- 28390 - Crerar examines an empty German cardboard oil container, demonstrated by Brig. Wyman
- 28391 - Crerar shakes hands with L/Cpl. G.D. Hannan, Toronto, a tank driver. On left is Sgt. C.J. James, Oshawa (both 11 CAR)
- 28392 - Left to right, Tpr. A.L. King, Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Brig. Wyman, Lt-Gen Crerar. The Corps commander visited these men of 11 CAR as they were at work cleaning guns, cleaning mud off tracks, giving tanks the once-over etc., in and near front lines north and west of Ortona.
- 28393 - Crerar addressing men of 12 CAR in a church at Ortona.

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- 28394 The moustache is real, the pipe borrowed, and the brigadier *BB*
28395 loaned his balaclava to the "Old Bill" of 1 Cdn Div., Capt. Perry Cadegan, Glace Bay, N. S.
- 28396 Part of the yard by yard advance beyond Ortona. Concentrated
28397 mortars are brought up front to blast the Germans out of their dug
28398 in positions. As a prelude to a night attack, these men are
28399 aiding the barrage. L to R, -- Pte Bill Park, Kenora, Ont., Pte Andy Jannock, Toronto, Pte. Joe Armstrong, Stratton, Ont., Cpl. Alex Buchanan, Pleasantdale, Sask, all SLI (5 Jan)
- 28400*
~~24000~~ Lt.-Gen. Crerar visits front line positions of 3 CIB. Seen here walking with Brig. Gibson to positions of WNSR (6 JAN)
- 28401 Entering HQ of R22R, which has taken shelter in peasants' farmhouse. This is about 1100 yards from German lines.
- 28402 At a SKI MG post Gen. Crerar gets description of MG fire plan from Major W. W. Meyer, Pense, Sask., and Major R. B. L. Thompson, Saskatoon (L to R.)
- 28403 Watching Mg's of SLI in action firing from positions hidden in
28404 vineyard.

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- 28405 Just outside Ortona, the scene of hard-won fight, is the Edmonton Regt's cemetery, situated at side of road where many actually fell. (Copy of this should go to 49er Magazine, Edmonton) (Ortona, Jan 7)
- 28406 Within range of German weapons, Canadian Provost line the routes of advance with self-explanatory notices. Here Cp. Dick Vessey, Winnipeg (L) and Cpl. Tommy McKee, Toronto, nail up one re mortars.
- 28407 From dug-in positions MMG's of SLI lay down harassing fire, the
28408 bottom of weapon-pit lined with expended cartridge cases. No. 1 on gun is Cpl. Frank Casey, Saskatoon, and No. 2 is Pte Perce Parkhurst, Saskatoon.
- 28409 Looking at a Vickers MMG from the friendly end. SLI laying down harrassing fire beyond Ortona.
- 28410 Unknown--exposed when pack received.
- 28411 In the operating room of #2 Field Surgical Unit mail from home is delivered to the men during their 24-hour shift. L to R, Pte H. A. Scott, Saskatoon, Pte. F. Porter, Toronto., Pte. E. Hurrell, Ville St. Pierre, Que., Cpl. R. G. Allen, Oshawa, Ont., Pte G. Bulbeck, Inglis, Msn., Pte. W. J. Savage, Chagness, Sask., Pte. J. M. Foley, St. John, N. B. (San Vito 6 Jan)

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- 28412 The new commander of the Eighth Army, Lt.-Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, KCB, CBE, DSO, paid a visit to HQ 3 CIB. Here he is seen talking with Brig. Gibson at roadside. BIB
- 28413 The three Eastern Canadian regiments of 3 CIB have new CO's. Here, co-ordinating plans for future action are Lt.-Col. J. V. Allard, Trois Rivieres, Que., Lt.-Col. R. S. E. Waterman, Victoria, B. C. (WNSR), Major E. D. Danby, Vancouver, B. C. (C&Y).
- 28414 Under cover of an Italian vineyard, MMG's of SLI support group lay down covering fire for patrol activities.
- 28415 Named as new CO of fighting R22Regt to replace Lt.-Col. Bernatchez is Lt.-Col. J. V. Allard, Trois Rivieres, Que.
- 28416 Group of officers including Gen. Leese, Lt.-Gen. C. Alfrey, Cmdr 5 Corps, Maj.-Gen. C. Vokes, Brig. G. Gibson, Lt.-Cols. Allard and Waterman, and Major Danby

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Fossacesia and San Vito, Italy 11 Jan 44

- 28417 - Cpl. Alex Zobatar, Port Arthur, Ont. rides his bike in early morning past a British cemetery en route to a bulletin board where his 5 a.m. news pickup will be posted. The troops look forward eagerly to seeing this news, especially to learn progress of war on various fronts. BB.
- 28418 - Cpl. Zobatar pinning up his news sheet on bulletin board at No.1 Cdn Div Fd Park RCE (near Fossacesia) *
- 28419 - (Following pix taken 11 Jan, same general area, but near San Vito) Soldiers devote much of their spare time to study when they take up one of the various courses available. In this pic. Sgt. H.M. Fannon Kelvington, Sask. is shown studying a lesson at an AA Bty, RCA. beside Adriatic (2 Yorkton AA Bty)
- X 28420 - Instructors are always willing to give individuals special help with lessons. Bdr. D.S. Wodlinger, Toronto, with the Educational Services, is shown aiding Gnr. Leo Konkol, Tisdale, Sask and Kenora, Ont. with his lessons in maths at an AA gunsite ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ They are standing in entrance to a shelled barn now used as their sleeping quarters. Bdr Wodlinger once an A/Tk NCO, now low category, travels a good many miles each day on foot and hitchhiking to reach the various groups he serves with both lessons and news. On Christmas Day he borrowed a jeep went into Ortona during the fighting in the course of his duties delivering news. The jeep was hit by a mortar shell and destroyed. He spent six hours in and out of a slit trench helping the A/Tk gunners. He gathers and delivers news news bulletins to HQ 1 Cdn Div ; A/Tk and AA regiments and also to a British regiment as a goodwill gesture.
- 28421 - Wherever possible, Educational Services cooperate with the Auxiliary Services in looking after the circulation of magazines among the troops. Magazines are picked up at one gunsite or in one area and taken to another. Officers of the various units often do this themselves and shown here (R) is Lieut. D.H. Anderson, Edmonton (2 Yorkton LAA Regt) helping L/Bdr H.D. McPhee, Vancouver (same unit) bundle up some magazines for another ack-ack gun crew.
- 28422 - A group of anti-tank gunners hearing the day's news read to them by their officer, Lieut. D.I. Shaver, Brockville, Ont. immediately after its delivery by Bdr Wodlinger right to the gun position.
- 28423 - Gnr. E. Gaudet, Tignish, P.E.I. (L) and Gnr. G.A. Elliott, Spaulding, Sask, hear news read by Lieut. Shaver.
- 28424 - Listening to Lieut. Shaver read news are Sgt. K.L. Miller, Gaspé, Que (L) and L/Bdr D.J. Anderson, St. Lambert, Que. (NOTE: In the general group hearing news in pic #6 are all these anti-tank men plus Gnr. L. Groulx, Cornwall, Ont. All A/Tk men shown are with 1 A/Tk Regt. RCA.
- 28425 - A class of men from 1 CAB taking a class in the
 28426 Italian language on the balcony of the YMCA building at San Vito. Instructor is an Italian lieutenant attached to the bde as liaison officer.

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28427 - Soldiers in streets in San Vito crowd around entrance to Educational Services HQ to read latest news bulletins. DB

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- 28428 - Soldiers standing in street and around the
28429 buildings in San Vito listening to an afternoon band concert given by the band of 1 Cdn Corps on balcony of what was once San Vito town hall, now occupied by Army Post Office, Amgot, and other offices.
- 28430 - Bofors gun, showing Bdr C.S. Bassingthwaite, Yorkton, Sask, on the gun. In background, two gunners off duty write letters.
- 28431 - On right, Major J.H.C. Warren, Toronto, inspects a Bofors AA gun at a gunsite near San Vito on the Adriatic. On the gun are BSM J.E.A. Mosley, Ottawa and Halifax (a P/F artilleryman) on left, and centre is Gnr. Leo Konkol, Tisdale, Sask and Kenora, Ont. All with 2nd (Yorkton) LAA Battery RCA.
- 28432 - Capt. I.L. Lazareck, Winnipeg, RCAMC, was MO with Edm Regt until transferred to a base medical unit pending possible return to Canada. With him reading news clippings from home, is Cpl. W.E. Hamill, Montreal, (R)
- 28433 - Pte Hine and Sign
- 28434 - Pte Hine at work with Capt. J.R. Gauthier, Montreal, RCMP watching
- 28435 - General pix of building
28436 and name
- 28437 - Sholto Watt and Capt. A. ~~Kump~~ Sharp, Montreal, RCA watching Hine at work
- 28438 - (NOTE: pix 2 to 7 incl were requested by Mr. Sholto Watt, Montreal Star) Buildings, streets in San Vito are named by various familiar Cdn names painted on them by members of Cdn Provost Corps. In this pic Pte D. Hine, Montreal, CPS, paints "Sun Life Building" on a building occupied by PR Det. Mr. Watt is also in the picture.
- 28439 - When Pte. K.E. White, Ottawa, a RCASC driver with the PR Det changed a tire he found this piece of shrapnel in it. It had cut right through the casing, was picked out from inside the tire.