

operational task of the Canadians in Italy. Between 29 Oct 44 and 28 Feb 45 the Canadian ground forces in Italy suffered 5,318 casualties, including 61 officers and 826 other ranks killed or died of wounds (see Appx "B"). Between 1 Dec 44 and 7 Jan 45 troops operating under command 1 Cdn Corps took 25 enemy officers and 2,080* other ranks prisoners, and during the static period up to 10 Feb** a further three officers and 111 other ranks. (W.Ds., A. & Q., H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps, December 1944, January 1945 and February 1945: 1 Cdn Corps Adm Sitreps, 2 Dec 44 to 10 Feb 45)

CONCLUSION

361. Operation "GOLDFLAKE" commenced in effect on 10 Feb, when the first 5 Cdn Armd Div convoys left Riccione, and continued through March into May. Movement to the ports of embarkation in Italy was in the case of the wheeled vehicles by roads and the tracked vehicles by rail. Embarkation commenced in mid-February when 5 Cdn Armd Div began loading at Leghorn. Also shipborne at Leghorn were 1 Cdn Inf Div commencing 3 Mar, and 1 Cdn Armd Bde on 7 Mar. H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps embarked at Naples on 22 Feb. With the exception of 4 Bn 1 C.B.R.G., which was phased in early, the administrative units began moving later in March. "GOLDFLAKE" was completed on 29 May. Considering the size of the force involved, and the distances covered, the move of the Canadian Corps to North-West Europe was carried out with a minimum loss of operational time. To give an example only 45 days elapsed between the date on which 1 Cdn Inf Div relinquished its final operational role in Italy and the date on which it commenced operations in Holland. (Report No. 181, op cit)

362. Thus on the eve of its greatest victory the Canadians left Eighth Army. For 20 months they had served with it, and had had a considerable share in its many battles. In his farewell message the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean wrote:

You have played a distinguished part in our victories in Italy, where you leave behind a host of friends and admirers who will follow your future with the liveliest interest.

(Historical Section C.M.H.Q. Report No. 143 -
Canadian Operations in Italy, 4 Jun 44 - 23 Feb 45;
Appx "B")

The cost had not been small. Behind them they left the 423 officers and 5,341 other ranks who would sleep forever in Italian soil.

* Due to a possible error in 1 Cdn Corps Adm Sitrep of 8 Dec a total of 2,060 other ranks is probably a more correct figure.

** After 10 Feb figures for the Canadian prisoner intake are not available as 1 Cdn Inf Div adm Sitrep was submitted to 5 Corps, and copies were not placed on the divisional war diary.

363. This report was drafted in part by Maj E.A. Haines and Capt M.B. Huffman, and completed by Maj D.H. Cunningham.

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(C.P. Stacey) Colonel,
Director Historical Section.

ORDER OF BATTLE
1 Cdn Corps
(as at 0800 hrs 15 Dec 44)

H.Q. Headquarters 1st Canadian Corps

ARTY 7th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
(less one bty)
1st Survey Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
657 Air OP Sqn
422 S.L. (Indep) Bty Royal Artillery

1st Canadian Army Group Royal Artillery
1st Medium Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
2nd Medium Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
5th Medium Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
3rd Medium Regiment Royal Artillery
61st Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery (two btys)

21st (British) Tank Brigade (under command 1 Cdn Corps)
Headquarters 21st Tank Brigade
North Irish Horse
145th Regiment Royal Armoured Corps
272 Forward Delivery Squadron

1st Canadian Infantry Division
Headquarters 1st Canadian Infantry Division
1st Canadian Armoured Car Regiment (Royal Canadian
Dragoons)
12th Royal Tank Regiment
9th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia
Dragoons) (less one sqn)

Royal Canadian Artillery 1st Canadian Infantry Division
1st Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
2nd Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
3rd Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
1st Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Artillery
104th Battery 7th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal
Canadian Artillery

The Saskatoon Light Infantry (M.G.)
1st Canadian Infantry Brigade
The Royal Canadian Regiment
The Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment
48th Highlanders of Canada

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade
Royal 22e Regiment
The Carleton & York Regiment
The West Nova Scotia Regiment

5th Canadian Armoured Division

Headquarters 5th Canadian Armoured Division

3rd Canadian Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment
(The Governor General's Horse Guards)

5th Canadian Armoured Brigade

2nd Canadian Armoured Regiment (Lord Strathcona's
Horse (Royal Canadians))
5th Canadian Armoured Regiment (8th Princess
Louise's (New Brunswick) Hussars);
"B" Squadron 9th Canadian Armoured Regiment
(British Columbia Dragoons)
5th Canadian Assault Troop Canadian Armoured Corps
"G" Squadron 25th Armoured Delivery Regiment (The
Elgin Regiment)

Royal Canadian Artillery 5th Canadian Armoured Division

8th Field Regiment (Self-propelled) Royal Canadian
Artillery
11th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
17th Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
4th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
5th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Artillery

11th Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade
11th Canadian Independent Machine Gun Company
(The Princess Louise Fusiliers)
The Perth Regiment
The Cape Breton Highlanders
The Irish Regiment of Canada

12th Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 12th Canadian Infantry Brigade
12th Canadian Independent Machine Gun Company
(The Princess Louise Fusiliers)
The Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Regiment (1st Light
Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery)
4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards (4th Canadian
Reconnaissance Regiment)
The Westminster Regiment (Motor)

9th (British) Armoured Brigade (under command 1 Cdn Corps)

Headquarters 9th Armoured Brigade
4th Queen's Own Hussars (less two sqns)
7th Queen's Own Hussars (Dismounted)
12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)
27th Lancers

24th Field Regiment (Self-propelled) Royal
Artillery
310th Anti-Tank Battery (Self-propelled) Royal
Artillery

1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps
2721st Squadron Royal Air Force Regiment

BULOW FORCE (Partisans)

(Extracted from Order of Battle 1 Cdn Corps, 15 Dec 44 (W.D.,
G.S. H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps, December 1944: Appx 64))

ORDER OF BATTLE
1 Cdn Corps
(as at 0800 hrs 6 Feb 45)

H.Q.

Headquarters 1st Canadian Corps

7th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
(less three self-propelled batteries and two
17 pounder troops)

1st Survey Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
422nd Search-Light (Independent) Battery Royal
Artillery

1st Canadian Army Group Royal Artillery

1st Medium Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery

2nd Medium Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery

5th Medium Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery

3rd Medium Regiment Royal Artillery

56th Heavy Regiment Royal Artillery

Headquarters Royal Artillery Cremona Group

7th Artillery Regiment

Four field batteries

One anti-tank battery

One light anti-aircraft battery

24th Field Regiment (Self-propelled) Royal
Artillery

7th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
(one self-propelled battery and one battery
(less one troop) (less guns))

5th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Regiment (one battery)

BULOW FORCE (Partisans)

Cremona Combat Group (under command 1 Cdn Corps)

Headquarters Cremona Combat Group

21st Infantry Regiment (Cremona Group)

Mortar Company (3 inch)

Anti-tank Company (6 pounder)

1st Battalion

2nd Battalion

3rd Battalion

Headquarters 21st Infantry Regiment

22nd Infantry Regiment (Cremona Group)

Headquarters 22nd Infantry Regiment

Mortar Company (3 inch)

Anti-Tank Company (6 pounder)

1st Battalion

2nd Battalion

3rd Battalion

1st Canadian Infantry Division

Headquarters 1st Canadian Infantry Division

1st Canadian Armoured Car Regiment (Royal
Canadian Dragoons)

Royal Canadian Artillery 1st Canadian Infantry Division

1st Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
2nd Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
3rd Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
1st Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Artillery
11th Royal Horse Artillery
142nd Field Regiment Royal Artillery (Self-
propelled)
7th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
(one self-propelled battery, one troop (less
guns) and two 17 pounder troops)
310th Battery 60th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal
Artillery
5th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Artillery (one battery)
The Saskatoon Light Infantry (M.G.)

BULLOW FORCE (Partisans)

1st Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade
The Royal Canadian Regiment
The Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment
48th Highlanders of Canada

2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
The Loyal Edmonton Regiment

3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 3rd Canadian Infantry Brigade
Royal 22e Regiment
The Carleton & York Regiment
The West Nova Scotia Regiment

21st (British) Tank Brigade (under command 1 Cdn Inf Div)

Headquarters 21st Tank Brigade
North Irish Horse
12th Royal Tank Regiment
48th Royal Tank Regiment
272nd Forward Delivery Squadron

2nd (British) Armoured Brigade (under command 1 Cdn Inf Div)

Headquarters 2nd Armoured Brigade
Queen's Bay (2nd Dragoon Guards)
9th Queen's Royal Lancers
10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own)
27th Lancers
278th Forward Delivery Squadron

1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps
1st Battalion Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment)
1st Battalion The Welch Regiment

5th Canadian Armoured Division

Headquarters 5th Canadian Armoured Division

3rd Canadian Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment
(Governor General's Horse Guards)

5th Canadian Armoured Brigade

Headquarters 5th Canadian Armoured Brigade
2nd Canadian Armoured Regiment (Lord Strathcona's
Horse (Royal Canadians))
5th Canadian Armoured Regiment (8th Princess
Louise's (New Brunswick) Hussars)
9th Canadian Armoured Regiment (British Columbia
Dragoons)
5th Canadian Assault Troop Canadian Armoured Corps
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Artillery
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4th Anti-Tank Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery
5th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Artillery (less two batteries)

11th Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade
11th Canadian Independent Machine Gun Company
(The Princess Louise Fusiliers)
The Perth Regiment
The Cape Breton Highlanders
The Irish Regiment of Canada

12th Canadian Infantry Brigade

Headquarters 12th Canadian Infantry Brigade
12th Canadian Independent Machine Gun Company
(The Princess Louise Fusiliers)
The Lanark & Renfrew Scottish Regiment (1st
Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Canadian
Artillery)
4th Princess Louise Dragoon Guards (4th Canadian
Reconnaissance Regiment)
The Westminster Regiment (Motor)

(Extracted from Order of Battle 1 Cdn Corps, 6 Feb 45 (W.D.,
G.S., H.Q. 1 Cdn Corps, February 1945: Appx 16))

CASUALTY STATISTICS*

COMPILED FROM WAR SERVICE RECORDS, D.V.A., "CASUALTY STATISTICS"
 THE CAMPAIGN IN ITALY"

Table 1.

Casualties Canadian Component ~~AAA~~ for period 29 Oct 44 - 27 Feb 45

FORMATION OR UNIT	KILLED*		WOUNDED		PRISONERS*	
	Offr	OR	Offr	OR	Offr	OR
29 Oct - 30 Nov 44	6	29	20	403	-	4
1 - 21 Dec 44	32	16	108	1,713	13	199
22 - 31 Dec 44	4	72	26	395	-	49
1 - 6 Jan 45	11	81	22	429	-	12
7 Jan - 27 Feb 45	8	128	30	959	2	47
Total	61	826	206	3,899	15	311

Table 2.

Casualties Headquarters and units 1 Cdn Armd Bde 29 Oct 44-27 Feb 45

29 Oct - 30 Nov 44	2	4	4	38	-	1
1 - 21 Dec 44	-	-	-	25	-	-
22 - 31 Dec 44	-	1	1	7	-	-
1 - 6 Jan 45	-	-	3	5	-	-
7 Jan - 27 Feb 45	-	1	1	37	-	-
Total	2	6	9	112	-	1

Table 3.

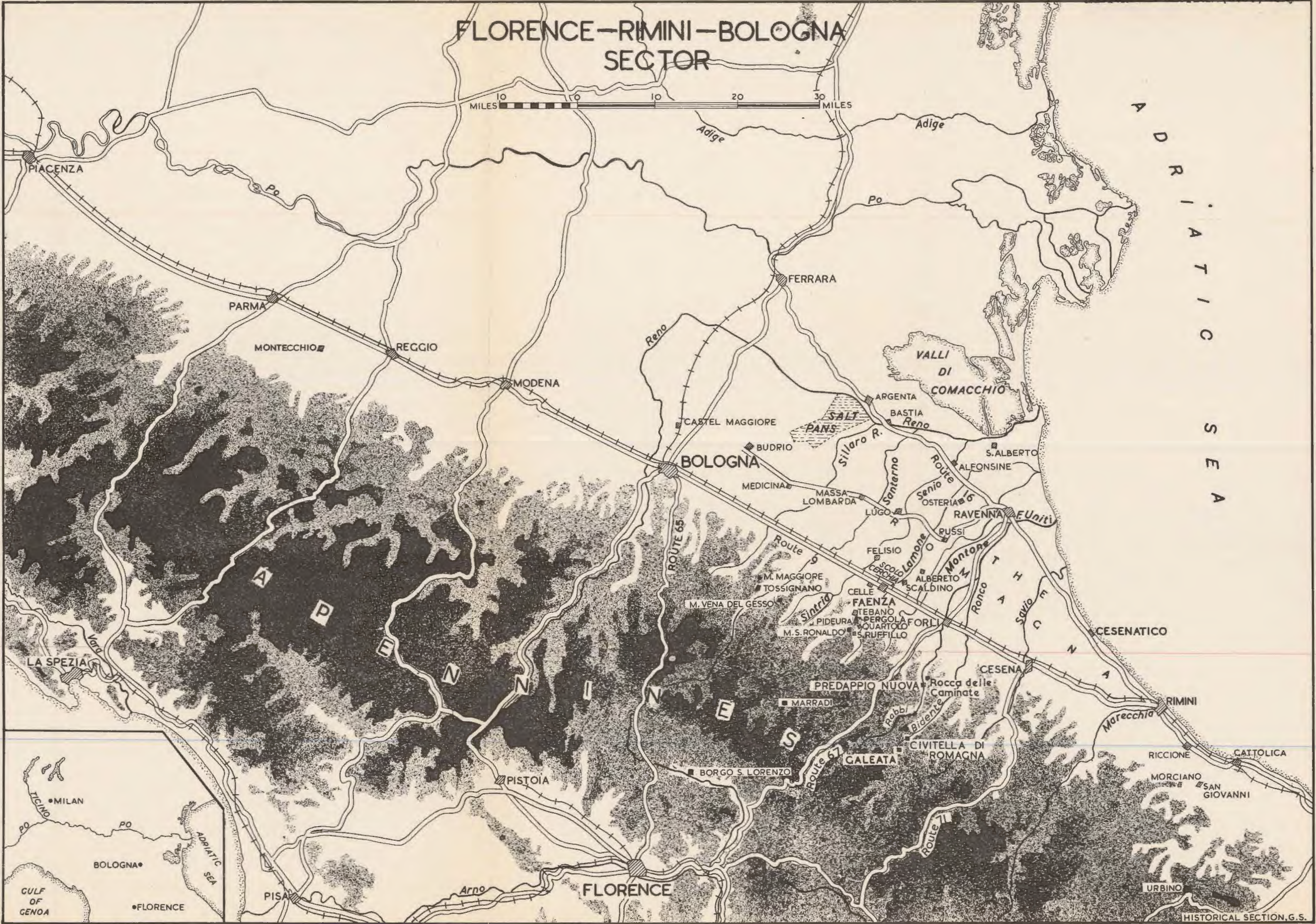
Casualties Canadian Component Eighth Army for period
 29 Oct 44 to 27 Feb 45**

29 Oct - 30 Nov 44	4	25	16	365	-	3
1 - 21 Dec 44	32	516	108	1,688	13	199
22 - 31 Dec 44	4	71	25	388	-	49
1 - 6 Jan 45	11	81	19	424	-	12
7 Jan - 27 Feb 45	8	127	29	922	2	47
Total	59	820	197	3,787	15	310

* KILLED includes "Died of Wounds"
 PRISONERS includes wounded prisoners

** Includes as well casualties of base units and "Canloan"
 personnel.

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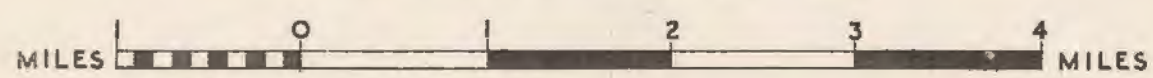



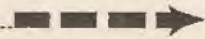
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ADVANCE TO THE LAMONE
 I CDN INF DIV - 5 CDN ARMD DIV
 2-5 DECEMBER, 1944



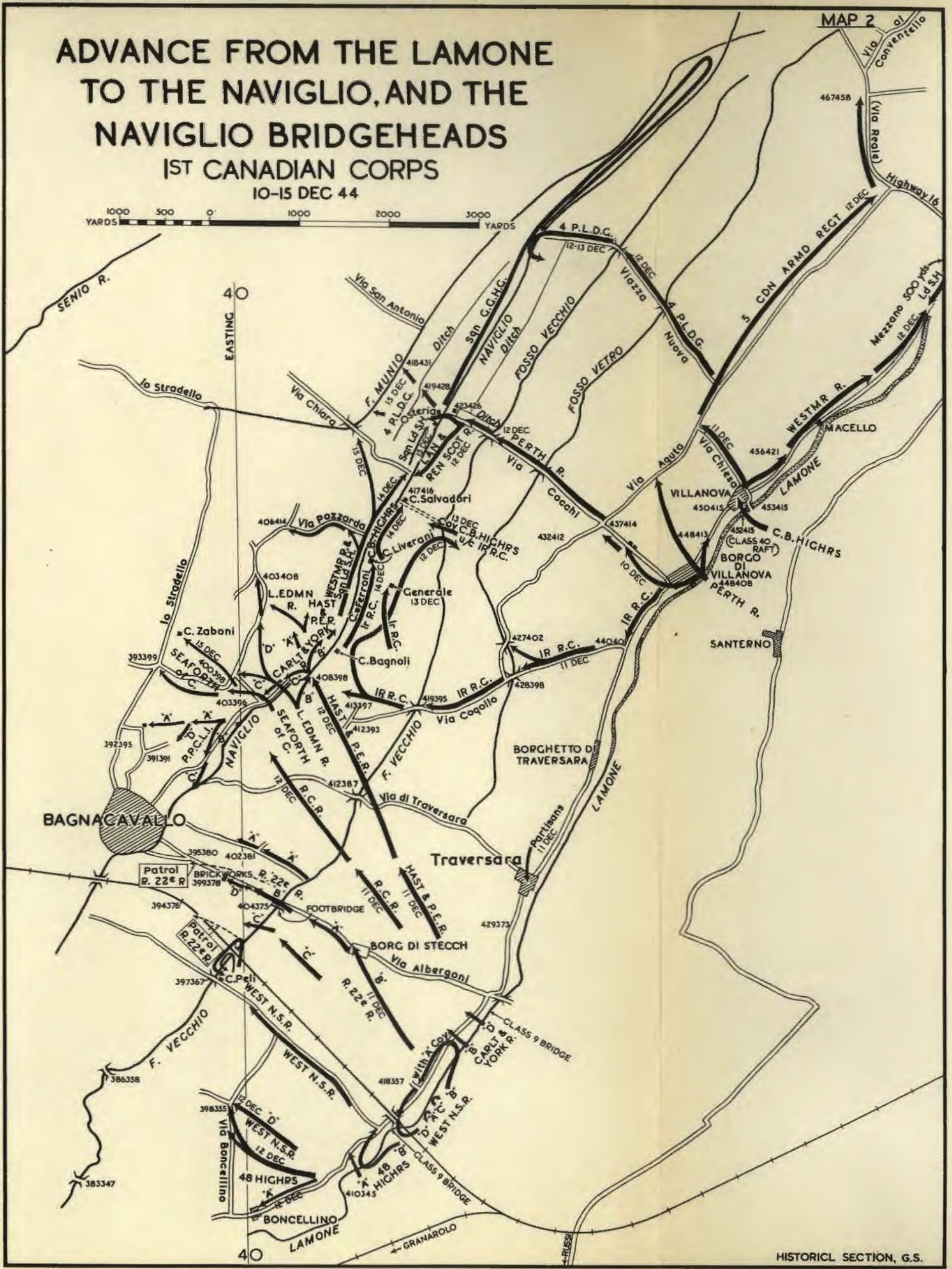
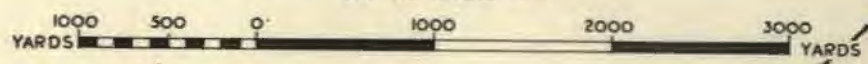
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ADVANCE FROM THE LAMONE TO THE NAVIGLIO, AND THE NAVIGLIO BRIDGEHEADS

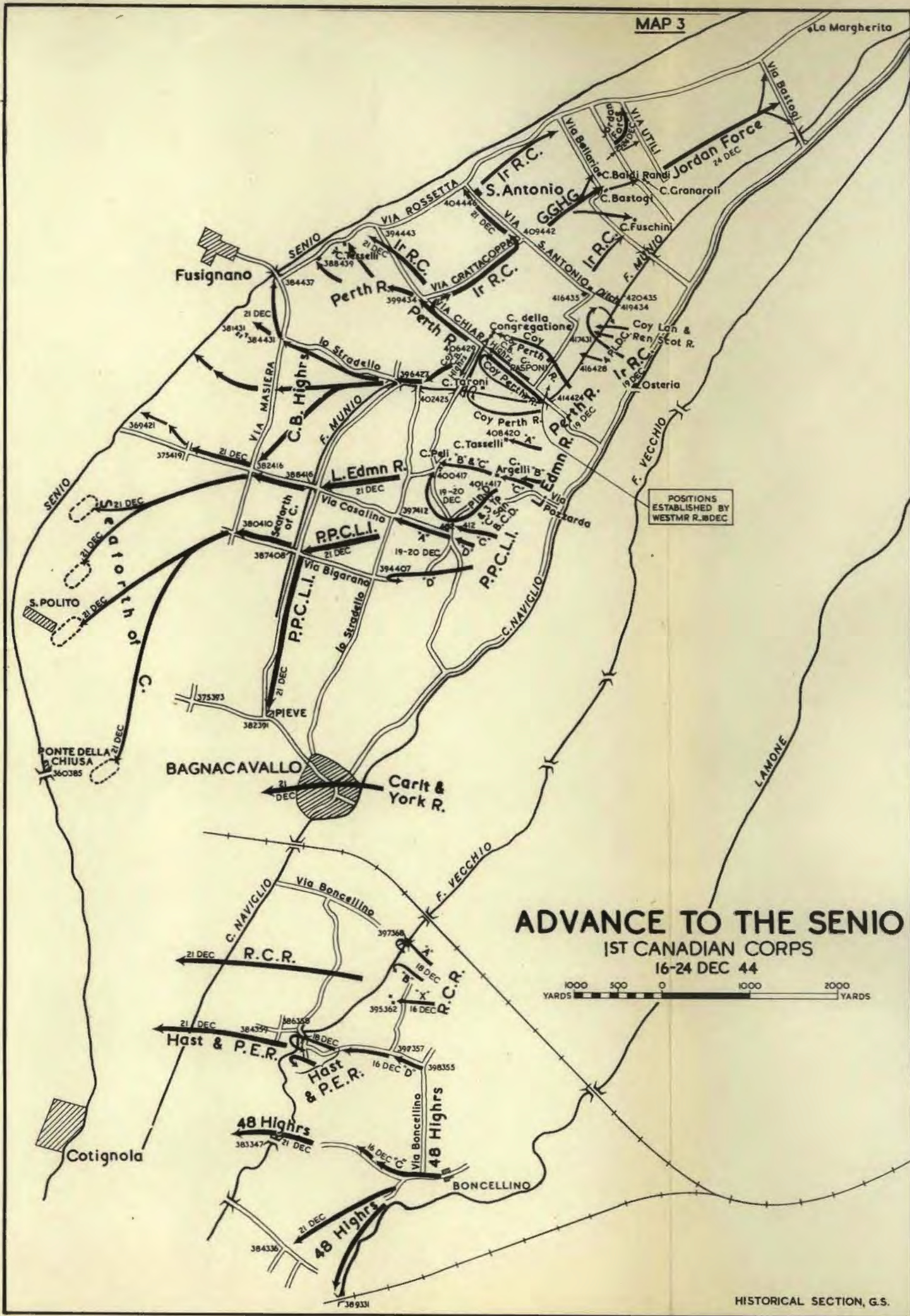
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10-15 DEC 44

MAP 2



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1ST CANADIAN CORPS
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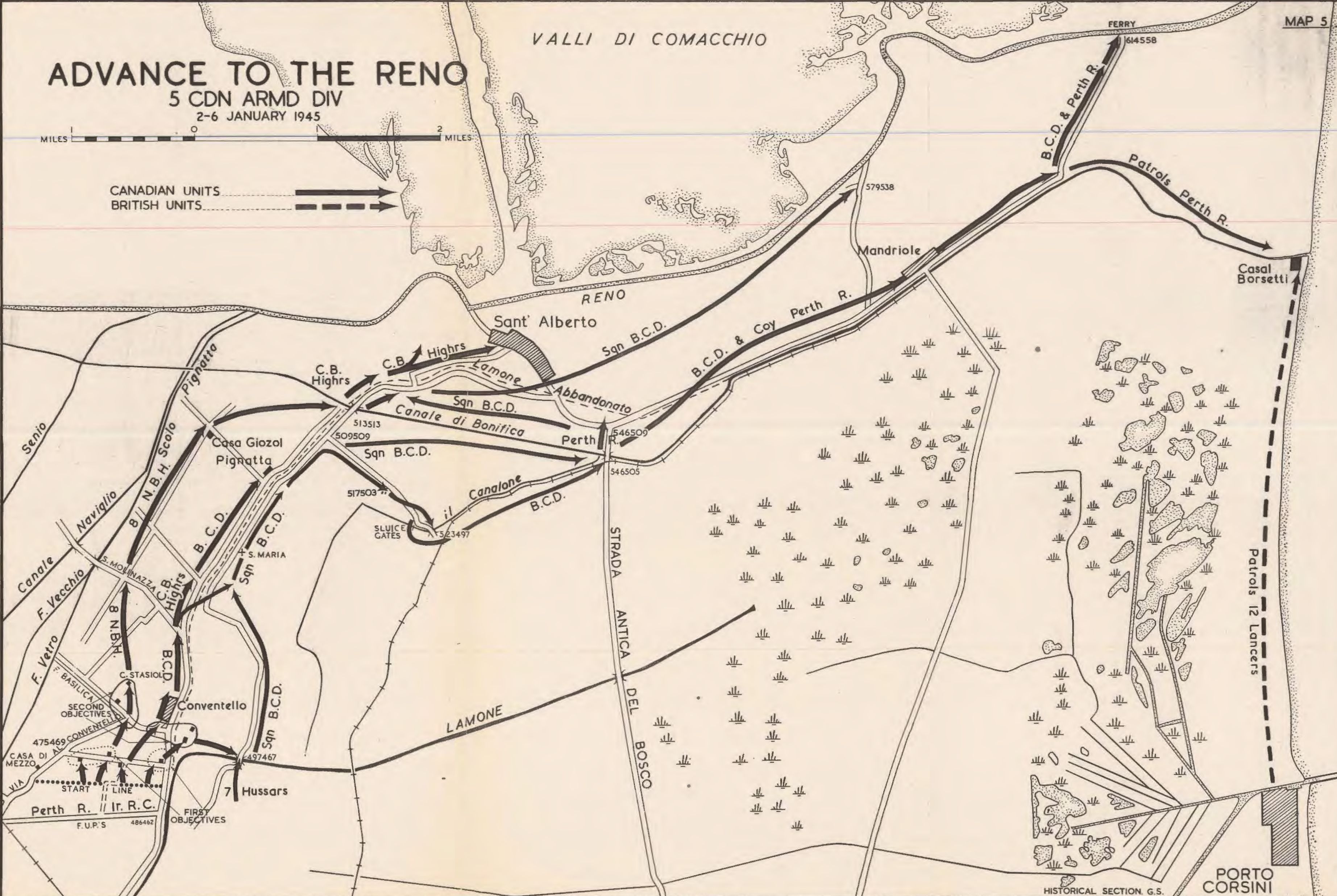
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Patrols 12 Lancers

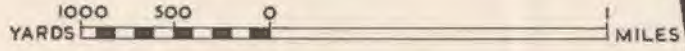
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GRANAROLO SALIENT

I CDN INF DIV

22 DEC 44 - 5 JAN 45



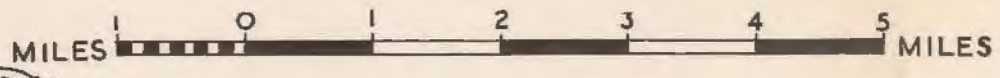
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OPERATIONS 1ST CANADIAN CORPS

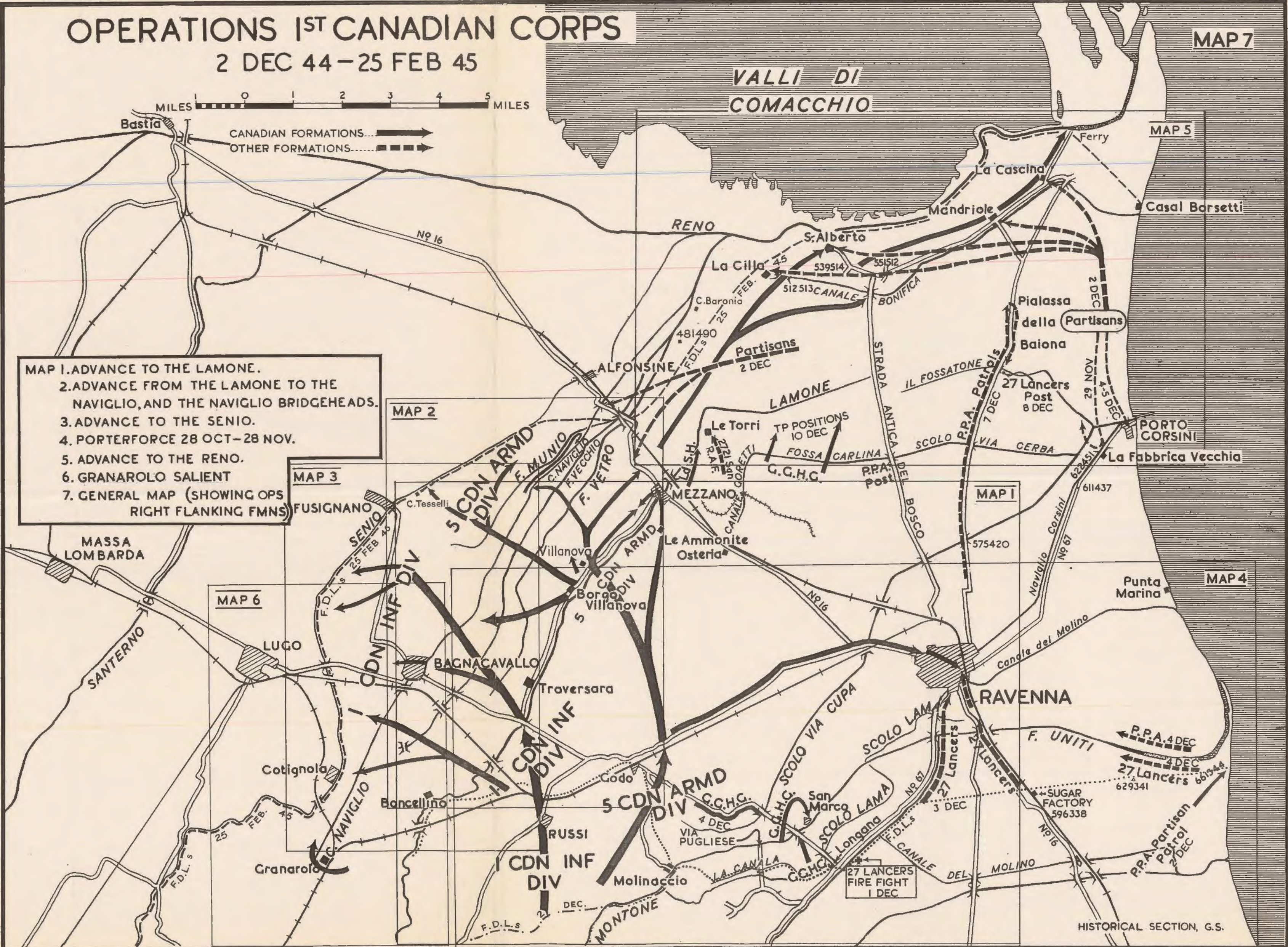
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MAP 7



CANADIAN FORMATIONS
 OTHER FORMATIONS

- MAP 1. ADVANCE TO THE LAMONE.
- 2. ADVANCE FROM THE LAMONE TO THE NAVIGLIO, AND THE NAVIGLIO BRIDGEHEADS.
- 3. ADVANCE TO THE SENIO.
- 4. PORTER FORCE 28 OCT - 28 NOV.
- 5. ADVANCE TO THE RENO.
- 6. GRANAROLO SALIENT
- 7. GENERAL MAP (SHOWING OPS RIGHT FLANKING FMNS)



MAP 2

MAP 3

MAP 6

MAP 1

MAP 4

MAP 5

HISTORICAL SECTION, G.S.