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## Canadians in Special Force That Took Riviera Islands

Rome, Aug. 20 (CP). — Canada's army contribution to the Southern France invasion was the Dominion portion of the Canadian - American special force which reduced the islands of Levant and Portcros of the coast south of Cap Negre.

The force, some of whom landed from HMCS Prince Henry, went into action 6½ hours before H-hour last Tuesday morning in an attack that coincided with one by French commandos against mainland positions around Cap Negre in premilitary operations aimed at eliminating potentially troublesome enemy outposts.

This force encountered little opposition in landing along the rugged, rocky shoreline under a starlit, moonless sky, but daylight disclosed a pocket of resistance which fought so bitterly in one corner of Levant that both air and sea bombardment had to be brought to bear.

The Canadians, labelled by the Germans "the men with funny pants and dirty faces," were veterans of the Italian campaign.