

R.H.L.I. HAS LEAD ROLE IN CAPTURE OF DUTCH ISLAND

Hamilton Soldiers Clear Antwerp Harbour Before Striking at Beveland

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With the Canadians on the Schelde, Nov. 6.—(CP Cable)—The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment), veterans of Dieppe, had a leading role in the 1st Canadian Army's operation on South Beveland island which was a vital contribution to clearing the Schelde estuary approaches to Antwerp, it was possible to reveal today.

The "Rileys," as they now are known on the front, were one of the three infantry battalions which launched the attack from the Netherlands mainland along a narrow causeway leading to the island on the north side of the estuary.

They won a foothold on Beveland and fought their way along the dikes of that incredibly bleak and muddy battleground. As the Canadian attack west through the island gained more power the R.H.L.I. pushed right along with the rest.

After Western Canada troops had won a bridgehead over the wide canal splitting Beveland the Rileys passed through this bridgehead and in a wild spurt dashed clear across the centre of the island towards the causeway linking Beveland with Walcheren.

Earlier the R.H.L.I. cleared the harbour area of Antwerp and battled north to Hoogerheide and Woensdrecht. In those two towns they had some tough battles before reaching the causeway to Beveland.

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