

# Landing Fairly Easy For Canadian Invaders; Losses Reported Low

No Enemy Air Attacks by Five in Afternoon;  
Fires Set by Planes Guided Landing Troops  
to Their Objectives on Cape Pachino

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With the Canadians in Sicily, July 10 (Delayed) (CP). — Behind an enormous naval and air night bombardment, the Canadians practically walked into Sicily today, meeting very little determined resistance on their beaches four miles southwest of Pachino on the south-east tip of the island.

The Canadians smashed through beach defenses as soon as they were set ashore, and the infantry attacked inland, establishing an extensive bridgehead which was the Canadians' initial task in the 8th Army invasion plan.

### Stubborn Resistance.

Some stubborn resistance has been put up by the Italians north and west of Pachino, and along other sectors of the front there were heated engagements.

Big battles probably will come before long, but meanwhile large numbers of prisoners are being captured. They have been coming back from the front since dawn in batches of 50 to 100 guarded by one or two Canadians.

So far Canadian casualties appear to be very light. On one beach where two assault units landed there were only half a dozen men wounded.

I landed at 5:15 this morning from a naval launch which guided the assault infantry to the beach. There was scarcely a shot fired as I passed through the wire and the troops infiltrated into the countryside.

Two companies had got in shortly ahead of us on our beach, and they and some sappers seemed to have a sharp engagement, but broke through the weak beach defenses in about 15 minutes.

From about midnight air forces plastered the Pachino Peninsula, and a terrific series of bomb explosions and the lights of burning Pachino, set afire by the R.A.F., helped to guide us in.

The big warships of the fleet stood offshore a few miles and added to the din with tremendous salvos that shattered the night.

### Fantastic Spectacle.

It was a most fantastic spectacle to see and hear. Two assault units stormed the left sector. So far I have been unable to find out how the Westerners did, but from a cliff-top near the main beach, where I am writing this, with the fleet near by and landing ships and warships spread out in the bay, I can see smoke and hear gunfire some miles inland on their front.

Apparently they are gaining ground steadily, with naval bombardment support still going on. Other units from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec landed during the morning and afternoon.

The bridgehead had been established by the time they were sent in, and they began to march to the front. A supporting group landed shortly after the assault units.

All day long our fleet of landing ships, cargo vessels, and Royal Navy ships has been in the bay disembarking men by the thousands and discharging vehicles, guns and supplies.

It is now five in the afternoon, and there hasn't been an air attack. It seems incredible that we aren't bombed, but R.A.F. planes are continually in our area. The Canadian attack is linked closely with British formations.

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