

# Helps Build Road on Italian Front

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WITH THE CANADIANS IN ITALY. Dec. 10—Canadian engineers, Working under unceasing fire from artillery mortars and small arms, built a 600-yard corduroy road across the Moro River near the Adriatic enabling tanks to cross to the northern side of the stream to support Canadian infantrymen. The Canadians suffered no fatal casualties.

For hours night and day the sappers, commanded by [Maj. R. B. Fraser](#) of Toronto and Montreal. worked without rest doing a Job which the commanding officer said could not have been better had it been on a training site instead of a battlefield.

In addition to building the road, the engineers cleaned out a German machine gun post, swept mines and tended the wounds of their own and infantry casualties. They also captured or passed back to rear positions 17 German prisoners.

Platoon commanders included [Lieut P. R. V. Carr-Harris](#) of Kingston, Ont and [Lieut. E.T. Galway](#) of Toronto.

Building the road was not the end of the job because it had to be maintained and improved. Fraser's company still is doing its share but is getting help from other suppers including platoon Commander Lieut. John Burgoin of Chatham. Ont.

The company included: Cpl. Fred Bolton. Kitchener, Ont, Sprs John Dubeau, Moose Creek. Ont., Allan Patton, Noranda, Que., Emile Lortie, Ansonville, Ont., Joe Osier, Sudbury, Ont., Desmond White, Perth, Ont., A. W. Aisto Hallleybury, Ont.