

## EIGHTH ARMY TAKE FAENZA

New Zealand troops were the spearhead of the 8th Army in the capture of Faenza, <sup>Italian</sup> key-town on the way to Bologna. Gurkhas were in close support, as were British regiments and Polish <sup>Battalions</sup> ~~divisions~~. As always, the Germans mined the line of retreat, delaying the pursuers as long as they could. Engineers systematically ~~demined the town and~~ exploded all they found.

Back to their much damaged city, the Italian people returned almost at once. Faenza was captured after some of the sternest fighting on this front since the autumn. Latest news is that Kesselring's counter attack is held and <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ advance goes on.

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