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The first Unit to be formed at ARMADILLO in November 1942. Ratings drafted from QUEBEC. Officers trained in DUNDONALD. January 1943 to Dundonald for exercises with 21 Beach Group, Lt. Seeley in charge. February 1943 to Glenshire Camp, Inverary for exercises with 1st West Nova Scotia Regt. and Carleton and Yorks Royal 22nd Regt.

February 1943 H.M.S GLENGYLE for exercises in Loch Fyne ( 4 da  
 March 1943 to Gales Camp, before embarkation at Liverpool in S.S. FRANCONIA with B.S.S. 9 Lt.Cdr. Thomson R.N. i/c. Easter Sunday 1943 disembarked at Algiers. accommodated in Princess Beatrix. Two days later transport in LCI to Bougie thence to Oued Marsa by road. Exercises began with CTC for Landings in Sicily

June 1943 to Djidjelli for future training with  
 7th A & S.H. 1st Black Watch ) 154 Bgd  
 7th Black Watch ) 51st  
 Lt.Cdr. P.U. Bayly, R.N. ) Div.

June 28th 43 to Sousse by LCI - assembly area for Sicily.  
 July 8th 1943 embarkation in LSI's at Sfax LCI's at Sousse. (Princess Beatrix, Ulster Monarch, Hilary Queen Emma) latter to Malta en route.

July 10th 1943 Landed on three beaches at Cape Passero.  
 July 15th 1943 re-embarked in LST for Sousse. In camp with 5 M.E. Beach Party. Later Dog Commando.

August 1943 To Tripoli by L.S.T. for exercises for Salerno, to CTC Zuara with 56th and 46th Divisions, one dry and one wet exercise.

Sept 6th 43 Embarked in LSI Sobieski, Josephine Charlotte Royal Scotsman.

Sept 8th 43 landed on Salerno Beach (1,000 yards ).  
 Sept 15th 43 1st and only casualties 2 ratings wounded by 88 mm shell.

Sept. 17th 43 4th and 21st Beach Groups took over from 3 Beach Group.

Sept. 25th 43 Advance party to Castellammare by armoured car.

Sept 27th 43 Commando arrives Castellammare by LST Beach 50 yards long. October

Oct. 2nd 43 M.3 moves to Torre Annunciata as port party

Oct 5th 43 M.1 to Volturmo to assist crossing  
 Oct 15th 43 Commando to Algiers aboard HMS HILARY for homeward routing.

Nov 10th 1943 Commando embarked in LCI Flotilla to Gib.  
 Nov. 20th 43 Continued to Falmouth and Plymouth LCI 287 rammed by HMS ORIBI.

Nov. 29th Disembarked. all hands to F.S.L.  
 Dec. 12th 43 HMS ARMADILLO refitting.  
 Feb. 20th 44 Commando to Mylodon for exercises with Force L. No troops only vehicles

June 3rd 44 ~~///~~ Commando to Dragonfly to stand by for Normandy - not called on.

July 28th 44 Commando to ARMADILLO.  
 Sept. 44 To Brontosaurus for accommodation.  
 Dec 18th 44 To MASTODON to join Force T exercise at Studland Bay with BSS 2.

Feb 10th 45 M.1 to Force T Goes in Zeeland for prospective operation against Schouwen and Overflakke operation cancelled. Minor Raids with LCA Flotilla 550, 508, 518, 516. 41, 47, 49, 48 RM Commandos 4th Army Commando, BSS 2.

April 23rd 45 To Arnhem for crossing.  
 May 5th 45 German surrender M.2 and M.3 to Schouwen and Overflakke for occupation.