

25. NAN 'N' RN Commando, after they left Nisida, in June 1944, would travel through, be billeted in, went on leave in or were in action in, many locations. They first left the sea, and travelled across the bottom of Italy towards Campobasso and on to Termoli, where they found the sea once again. They travelled northwards from Termoli, with the sea on their right, up to and crossing the River Sangro, on up to Ortona, and to Pescara which was to be the proposed NOIC Adriatic Front, but was abandoned for another location.
26. On up to Porto San Giorgio/River Tenna. The Commandos made their camp here in the grounds of a pre war orphanage (Ospizio Marino di Fermo, Orfaneggio) that had been closed down for the war, between the sea and a railway line, with good access to the main north-south highway. They also had the opportunity to visit Fermo, when on leave.
27. Their first mission at the River Tenna, was to seek out German Snipers from the 167th Turkoman Division, who though being an unreliable lot were being stiffened up by the quick retreating Germans, who were planning to make a stand at the Gothic Line/River Po, further north. This was all in June 1944.
28. By August 1944, Ancona was reached, and hear facilities were set up for NOIC, and a Military Hospital, plus a useful airfield at Falconara.
29. Marotta on the coast, and Mondolfo a town inland, were both being reached between August and September 1944.
30. By September 1944, Pesaro and Riccione was reached.
31. In October 1944. While at Riccione, NAN 'N' RN Commando were able to use some captured German transport. Rimini was entered at this time as well.
32. By early December 1944 Ravenna was reached and the River (Canal) Uniti was crossed. The Germans were retreating fast, but still able to hold up the rapid movements of the 8th Army Front Line. This was buying the Germans time, to establish the Gothic Line and their defences on the River Po, before the Winter set in.
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33. By mid December Porto Corsini was reached. This small port to the north of Ravenna, was heavily damaged towards the end of the war, so much so that after the war it was rebuilt by the Italians, and with the post war expansion of Ravenna into the surrounding countryside, Porto Corsini was subsequently renamed Marina di Ravenna. NAN 'N' Commando had to clear mines out of the mouth of the River (Canal) Lamona which flowed out into the Adriatic Sea, at this location, and also to keep the port open for supply purposes. 'N' found themselves here up against the remnants of the SS Battalion which had a week or so earlier caused Popski so much trouble in Ravenna. Once the Front Line had settled down for the Winter, some of NAN 'N' Commando were able to return back to Porto San Giorgio for Christmas 1944.
34. In March 1945, NAN 'N' RN Commando began to hear news of another big operation.

