

Sicilian campaign. Here are General Simonds' words:

"On behalf of all ranks of ^{the} First

Canadian Division, I thank you for your inspiring message, and we shall continue in our duty reinforced by your words of encouragement. Would you please assure your colleagues of the Government of Canada and the Canadian people, that their soldiers here are in great heart, that they face the future with full confidence, and that my own responsibilities are lightened by the knowledge that I command troops whose courage, skill and endurance are unsurpassed by any in the world. We have taken the measure of our enemies, and, though there may be bitter fighting ahead with its inevitable losses, we shall not look back until those enemies are finally defeated."

That was the spirit in which our troops landed on the mainland of Italy on the morning of September 3rd. It will ever be a source of pride for all Canadians that Canada had a part in establishing the first bridgehead of freedom on the European mainland. Italy has since surrendered unconditionally. We now know that September 3rd - the fourth anniversary of the day on which Britain

entered the war