



The 51st "Highland" Infantry Division had been mostly destroyed in the campaign in France but had been reborn and fought in North Africa and Sicily before landing in Normandy on June 7. The Highlanders spent October of 1944 engaged in the Battle of the Scheldt, a mostly Canadian operation to clear the approaches to Antwerp. The 51st was used to defend the Meuse during the Bulge Campaign, where they did not see any action. If the German plan had worked better, these British divisions would have played a critical role in defending the Meuse River bridges from the advancing panzers.