

*Mr. Cummins
Mr. Stagg*

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL.

MINUTES of the MONTHLY MEETING of the COUNCIL of
the NEWSREEL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND LTD.
held at the Offices of the Association, 37/38 Golden Square,
W.1, on Thursday, the 8th June, 1944, at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Sir Gordon Craig
Mr. C. W. Jeapes
Mr. G. T. Cummins
Mr. F. Watts
Mr. E. A. Davis
Mr. Castleton Knight
Mr. T. F. Scales

British Movietone News
Universal News
British Paramount News
Pathe Gazette
British Paramount News
Geumont British News
British Movietone News

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. E. Long Maddox

1631 CHAIRMAN. Sir Gordon Craig occupied the Chair. ✓

1632 MINUTES. Minutes of the 10th and 19th May respectively, having been duly circulated, were confirmed and signed. ✓

1633 ACCOUNTS. Secretary produced Bank statement showing a credit of £270.15.0. ✓

1634 CHAIRMANSHIP. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Castleton Knight (Geumont British), being next on rote, should occupy the Chair for three months commencing the 1st July and therefore automatically supply the Prime Minister's cameraman, Secretary to act accordingly. ✓

1635 A.C.T. & UNION MEMBERSHIP (Minutes 1492, 1542, 1550, 1572, 1577, 1607). Secretary read a letter from Mr. Cash dated the 5th June and duly circulated regarding the terms of reference to be agreed upon between the N.R.A. and the A.C.T. Mr. Cash's suggestions were accepted and the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Cash accordingly. ✓

1636 PAYMENT TO MR. WRIGHT FOR OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS (Minutes 1594, 1609). This outstanding matter has been satisfactorily cleared up, hence there is nothing further to minute. } *Mr. Cohen*

- 1637 WITHDRAWAL OF WAR OFFICE PERMITS FOR CAMERAMEN (Minute 1621). Position to date was examined and Secretary was requested to press the War Office for a reply to his letter of the 5th June (duly circulated). ✓
- 1638 DOMINIONS PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE (Minutes 1614, 1625). Mr. Adams' letter of the 1st May (duly circulated) suggesting that the cost of coverage should be shared by the Members of the Association and that the Ministry of Information should be charged 6d. per foot on negative exposed was discussed and the Secretary was requested to reply that the Council had resolved that a nominal charge of 1/- per foot should be made in this connection. }
cc Mr. Lead
Mr. Cohen
- 1639 PROCESSING IN CALCUTTA, ETC. Postponed until next meeting. Meanwhile Principals will examine the matter individually. ✓
- 1640 NEWSREELS FOR LIBERATED COUNTRIES. Nothing further to minute in this connection for the time being. ✓
- 1641 NEWSREELS' WAR RECORD (Minutes 1592, 1619). Postponed until next Meeting. ✓
- 1642 REPORTED SHORTAGE OF LAVENDER STOCK (Minute 1629). Nothing further to minute. ✓
- 1643 CAMERAMEN TO BE PLACED AT THE SERVICE OF H.M. THE KING. The Secretary informed the Meeting that Captain Ritchie had expressed a wish that a cameraman should be attached to H.M. the King for a period of not less than six months. It was unanimously agreed that this should be carried out on a rota basis and that the first cameraman, viz. Graham Thompson of British Movietone News, shall carry out the work for six months from Monday, the 12th June, Secretary to inform Captain Ritchie accordingly. ✓
- The Rota is as follows, in accordance with letter heading, viz. Movietone, Gaumont British, Paramount, Pathe and Universal.
- 1644 SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE OF NEWSREELS IN THIS COUNTRY AND AMERICA. The Chairmen informed the Meeting that the M.O.I. request for simultaneous release had been withdrawn. ✓

The Meeting then terminated.

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*Mr Cummins ✓
Mr Stagg*

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

MINUTES OF NEWSREEL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12th JUNE, 1944.

P R E S E N T: Mr. R. Nunn May (Chairman) FILMS DIVISION.

NEWSREEL LIAISON:

Mr. E.T. Adams.
Mr. R. Carswell Hewett.

O.W.I.:

Mr. William Montague.
Mr. Richard Wray.

FILM CENSORSHIP:

Mr. R.J. Sims.

SHAEP:

Major J.N.T. North.

ADMIRALTY:

Lt. Cdr. H. Craig, R.N.V.R.

C.A.F.U.:

Captain Gordon Sparling.
Lieut. A. Tunwell.

WAR OFFICE:

Mr. R.E. Tritton.

NEWSREEL ASSOCIATION:

Sir Gordon Craig.
Mr. Castleton Knight.
Mr. G.T. Cummins.
Mr. F. Watts.
Mr. C.W. Jeapes.
Mr. R.S. Howard.
Mr. E. Long Maddox.

AIR MINISTRY:

Flt. Lieut. J. Ricketts.

621: EXTRA NEWSREEL FOOTAGE (588, 591, 601, 611): The Chairman confirmed that extra stock has been granted from the Ministry of Information's allocation to increase four issues to 1,000 ft., not necessarily the first four issues, depicting the Invasion. Sir Gordon Craig, on behalf of the N.R.A., expressed appreciation and pointed out that some Companies had taken advantage of the extra footage in both last Thursday's and today's issues, and hoped, therefore, that the Ministry would take steps to secure a further allocation since the existing one would soon be expended. He pointed out that the pictures depicting the entry into Rome, which had now arrived, should be used in next Thursday's issues, but that it would be difficult to find room for them without extra footage, in view of the other pictures arriving from France. The Chairman stated that he was quite prepared to make a further allocation of stock if it were available, but he understood that there was indeed a very great shortage. He promised, however, to pursue the matter. ✓

622: GUIDANCE AS TO COVERAGE (604, 613): Reply is still awaited from the Ministry of Supply. ✓

623: ROCKET PLANE (607, 614): Pictures of this plane are published in today's Reels. ✓

624: WITHDRAWAL OF WAR OFFICE LICENCES (600, 610, 617): Mr. Tritton reported that special arrangements are being made for particular occasions such as coverage of the Prime Minister. Mr. Long Maddox stated that he had been asked to forward all Licences to the War Office who, in turn, will send them to SHAEP for accreditation. General satisfaction was expressed that this matter had now been cleared up. ✓

625: R.A.F. FILM OF SECRET OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT OF FRANCE (618): Flt. Lieut. Ricketts stated that this story had again been "canned". ✓

626: SHAEP (619): It was reported that arrangements had been made for a Newsreel Representative to attend screenings in Theatre A. Each Company has nominated two Representatives, and each Company will take it in turn to select film on behalf of all Companies for one issue. The two Representatives take turn and turn about to attend screenings. Theatre B is, therefore, for the time being not in use and may prove unnecessary if the new procedure works satisfactorily. ✓

Mr Swarbrick + Mr Graham already advised

Major North enquired whether the Newsreels still desired to see all footage received, or only the best of such footage to be selected by the Service Departments. Whilst agreeing that they did not wish to be shown film which had dated (embarkation scenes, etc.), the N.R.A. hoped that, for the time being, they might be shown all other footage. The N.R.A. also requested that the possibility of releasing formerly censored film might be continually borne in mind, and SHAEF promised to bring film forward for re-viewing as and when censorship restrictions are relaxed.

cc
Mr. Swanbrick
Mr. Graham

Captain Sparling was concerned as to whether the Newsreel Companies would be shipping to America, for use in the Canadian editions of the American Newsreels, sufficient Canadian-interest material as it seemed probable that their Representatives might tend to order such film only in so far as it was useful for the domestic Newsreels. The N.R.A. undertook to bear in mind the requirements of Canadian Newsreels. Major North pointed out that a complete lavender of all film is shipped to the War Department in Washington, and it is understood that the American Newsreels make their selection from this film. It would appear, therefore, that the requirements of the Canadian Newsreels will be doubly catered for.

cc
Mr. Hall

627: REPLACEMENT OF NEWSREEL EQUIPMENT (579, 589, 592): Mr. Watts has been advised by the Ministry of Supply that if an order is placed in America for Bell & Howell Cameras, it will be subject to a delay in execution of 12 months, and that if given A.A.1 Priority. Mr. Nunn May reported that, in essence, this agreed with his information from New York and he was afraid, therefore, that there was nothing further which could be done. It was agreed, however, that the Newsreels should let their orders stand.

12th June, 1944.

18th June,

DATE: 1944.
BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS ISSUE NO. ~~XXXX~~

INCOMING MATERIAL.

REF.	PARENT SERVICE.	SUBJECT.	LENGTH.	CAMERAMAN.	COLLECT FROM.
LIST OF SUBJECTS ORDERED FROM THEATRE A. BY NAME. <u>MONDAY AND TUESDAY JUNE 1944 AND 20th.</u>					
Dopefrom	Novistone	Merchant Navy off Normandy Coast 7th & 8th June.	1000	Alec Pazer.	Novistone.
Dopefrom	Novistone	Merchant Navy in Thames Estuary.	1250	Alec Pazer.	Novistone.
	8th A.A.F.	Strafing all military targets. (8000ft. to be cut to approx. 5000ft.)			By Pathé & Dope made for Radio.
Dopefrom	A.F. Unit.	A700/37/3: Freedies speech in Bayeux.		Sgt. Parkinson.	Pathé. HAYS.
Novistone.		A700/35/1. A700/32/2: Captured German ambulance. A700/33/3: Operation.		Sgt. Walker.	Hays. Hays. Hays.
	A.P.S.	Invasion France. Prisoners, White Russians & children.		Neil Sullivan.	Pathé.
Dopefrom	Universal.	Invasion Coverage.	400	Colwyn Wood.	Universal.
APS. 87.	U.S. Navy.	Four sections of invasion roll. (Order of Monday night delivered to Pathé Tuesday morning.)		Dope from	Pathé.
	R.C.A.F.	Various scenes leading to making landing strips and planes arriving. First on soil of France.		R.C.A.F.	& Dope from Pathé.
Spt. No. 3.	Pathé.	Scenes on ship & off beachhead - Long sequence of ARMO Bump burning.		Jack Connell.	Dope from Pathé.
Prod. s.	8th A.A.F.	Foots held on airfields etc.			
S-320.		Certain sections selected	500		
S-321.		from S-320 to fit in with bombing etc. of S-321.	400		
Spt. 523.	Paramount	Admiral Vian, Tedder etc.		Dope-Pathé.	Paramount.
No. 60.	A.P.S.	Wounded girl & mother & other wounded being attended to.		Sgt. Irving.	Pathé.
No. 64.	A.P.S.	Mayor of Rouen & wife speaking with U.S. Officers etc.		General von Schmidt.	Pathé.
Spt. 51.	U.S. Navy.	Invasion.		U.S.N.	Pathé & Dope.
No. 75 & 76.	A.P.S.	Rolls 1 to 8.-Invasion.		A.P.S.	Pathé.
No. 82.	A.P.S.	Canadian & British Troops, Villages etc.		Mc. Hour.	Pathé & Dope.
No. 87.	APS.	Feeding men on ships & dense mass of men on L.S.'s.	75		NO DOPE SHOTS. Pathé.
No. 100.	A.P.S.	Churchill, Keats, Sir Keith Park, on bridge of destroyer on way to France. Also Eisenhower.		Sgt. Newman & Harris.	Pathé & Dope.
No. 8.	General von Schmidt.	St. Mereglise.		U.S. NAVY.	Pathé & Dope.
No. 7.	Pathé.	St. Mereglise.		Jack Lieb.	Pathé & Dope.
	8th A.A.F.	Troop Carriers Dropping Supplies.		General von Schmidt.	Pathé & Dope.
	Comant.	Kevin's trip to Normandy with Churchill.	800ft.	Turner.	Comant & Dope.
	R.C.N.	Moody, Churchill etc. meet on Beach.			Pathé & Dope.

***** BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS MATERIAL *****

DATE: ~~1944~~ June, 1944.

BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS ISSUE NO. ~~1000~~

INCOMING MATERIAL.

REF.	PARENT SERVICE.	SUBJECT.	LENGTH.	CAMERAMAN.	COLLECT FROM.
	9th A.A.F.	Newsreels Bomb Rail Junction.		Sgt. Todd.	Pathé. } HO
	"	Bombing Highway Junction.		Sgt. Hynds.	Pathé. } HO
	"	Bombing Railway Bridge.		Lt. Browning.	Pathé. } HO
		Attacking Villages & Forest Concentrations.			
Ops. 151.	R.A.F.	Isigny Burning Bridges. NO DOPF.		R.A.F.	Pathé. HO
Inv. 90.	A.P.S.	Invasion Landing Material.		A.P.S.	Pathé. HO
Reel 729	Imm.R.N.			Sub.Lt. Deacon.	Memories Via Pa SoprafraPathé.
Spt. 9.	U.S.N.M.	NO DOPF-Remote Controlled Death Ray.		U.S.N.M.	Pathé.
Sht. 7.	Paramount.	Invasion Material.		Jim Connell.	Paramount.
	Paramount.	Wounded arriving from France.		A. Farmer.	Paramount.
	Pathé	A700/41/1-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000		A.F.U.	collect copy - Novitons. submarine. collect film New-Hype.
	A.F.U.	A700/40; P.M.visits Gen.Monty.	200	Sgt.Johnson.	Kays.
		A700/41/1: Invasion.	500	Sgt.Ginger.	"
		A700/41/2: Production X.	300	Sgt.Parkinson.	"
		A700/41/3: ditto	100	Sgt.Parkinson.	"
		A700/41/4: A.E.F.	200	Sgt.Carpenter.	"
		A700/41/5: Title censored out.			
		A700/41/6: Operation ?censored out?	200	Sgt.Leatherbarrow.	Kays.
		A700/41/7: Title censored out.	100	Sgt. Clague.	Kays.
		ditto ditto	200		
		A700/41/8: Production x.	300	Sgt. Connolly.	"
NO 6.	Annivers	Black Trans Pacific	D.	Mod.	S' Bush.
B.H.H. 5/D	Memorials	Gen. Alexander in investigations	Home.	Pygmal.	Memorials
B.H.H. 3/D.	"	Review for Librarians	"	"	"
B.H.H. 4/D.	"	Repc. Home.	"	"	"

THE NEWSREEL ASSOCIATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND LTD

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37/38 Golden Square,
8th June, 1944.

Captain Matthew Fox,
Room 236,
Ministry of Information,
Melet Street,
W.C.1.

Dear Captain Fox,

I am requested by the Members of my Council to thank you for your very kind co-operation, which is much appreciated.

I am appending a list of representatives of the respective Companies, who will attend the viewing at Theatre "A". It is understood that the Association shall be represented by one person only at a time. The names of the Companies and their representatives are as follows:

British Movietone News:

J. Hutchins
P. Whele

Geumont British News:

Mr. Castleton Knight
Mr. R. S. Howard

British Paramount News:

Mr. A. S. Graham
Mr. F. C. Swarbrick.

The Cinema ✓
the Stage

The Hall ✓
The Swarbrick ✓
The Graham ✓
the Stockwell ✓

THE NEWSREEL ASSOCIATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN
Pathe Gazette:

Mr. F. Watts

Mr. J. F. Melvern

Universal News:

Mr. J. S. Frieze

Mr. Tessie

Commencing to-morrow, the 9th June, Messrs. Graham and Swarbrick of Paramount will represent this Association and cover the material for the next issue, which will be that of Thursday, the 15th June. Subsequent issues will be covered on rote, as follows:

PATHE: Viewing of all material for issue of Monday, the 19th June.

UNIVERSAL: do. Thursday, the 22nd June.

MOVIETONE: do. Monday, the 26th June.

GAUMONT BRITISH: do. Thursday, the 29th June

and so on.

I hope this somewhat lengthy explanation has made the situation quite clear. Should you require any further information I shall be happy to supply you.

Yours sincerely,

E. Long Meddox,
Secretary.

Divisions in use in Beachead

AIRBORNE

6th Airborne Division British
82nd " " US
101st " " US
9th Troop Carrier Command (Gliders)
French Paratroops

INFANTRY

Royal Marine Commandos

50th Northumbria Division (British)
3rd British Division Infantry
3rd Canadian Division Infantry
US 1st Infantry
US 29th Division (President's Division)
US 4th Division

AIR

US 9th AAFORCE
US 8th AAFORCE
RAF
1st airstrip in territory is 9th AA

About 100 different types landing craft being used
of which latest is a kitchen Barge.

LT General FAM Browning in Command British Airborne

Germans have 500 single engined fighters within
tactical range of battle field.

LIST OF INCOMING STORIES.

<u>Cameramen.</u>	<u>Story.</u>	<u>Prod No.</u>	<u>Date of Coverage.</u>
Struthers.	Special coverage for O.W.I. Civil Affairs School.	A.51.	9/6/44.
Ford.	War Work News. Story on Ply Wood.	A.15.	9/6/44.
Hawkins Lankester.	Crown Prince & Grand Duchess of Luxemburg & Children.	A.13.	10/6/44.
Ford.	War Work News. Further build-up on Ply Wood Story.	A.15.	10/6/44.
Ford.	Further build-up on Ply Wood Story for War Work News.	A.15.	12/6/44.
Hawkins & Lankester.	Interview, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg.	A.13	13/6/44.

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Mr. Hall.
Mr. Swarbrick.
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ASSIGNMENT DEPARTMENT.

12th June, 1944.

Now for the representative material: 7 consisted of a short sequence (52 feet) of invasion barges crossing the Channel and a naval bombardment. When the actual invasion shots arrived later in the week they contained nothing with anyone in the know clearly distinguished from.

Next came a short Italian & Russian sequence (quite actual), putting over the fact that the Germans were being attacked on 3 fronts. Length 70 feet.

Representational footage (16 feet) then showed the invasion fleet off the French coast.

That was followed by a further 30 feet of 9th Air Force US D-Day bombing of the French coast and by 78 feet of camera-gun material enterprisingly supplied by the U.S. Air Force on invasion eve and of course used by other newsreels.

The only other repetitive material used was shots of paratroops jumping and going into action. The length was 59 feet. So far if "specifically stating" that the epic of the first wave of the invasion our count is: 5

We ended the reel with 8 shots of Eisenhower with his colleagues: 43

Here, then, is the analysis:	Genuine invasion shots 7 D-Day	9
	material shot in England	481
	Representational	125
	C-camera-gun	78
	Russian/Italian	72
		756

Now that the supply of film is known, the truth is that we need 4 us 2 fall back on representative material film.

Thus it is inexplicable that the greatest military event of the war should have passed without any film being made available. invasion action-film being made available to us except by the American Air Force. We did the Ministry of Information a good service by not disclosing the fact.

c.c. Mr. Stagg ✓
Mr. Stockwell
Mr. Cohen

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION,
Malet Street,
London, W.C. 1.

6th June 1944

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Dear Long Maddox,

This will confirm that we are prepared to allow the Newsreels to charge up to a maximum of 1,100,000 ft. of film stock against our allocation in order that they may increase the length of four issues up to 1,000 ft. each, to cover the Invasion.

If you will let me know in due course the amount of stock used by each of the five companies, I will inform the Board of Trade.

,Yours sincerely,

(Signed) R. NUNN MAY

Deputy Director,
Films Division.

E. Long Maddox Esq.,
Newsreel Association,
37/38, Golden Square,
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PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRESS CENSORSHIP COMMUNICATION

The information contained in this communication issued by the Press Censorship Division, Ministry of Information, is NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

DATE

SUBJECT 8th June, 1944.
SUPPLIES TO FRANCE.

Mr. Glegg
Dear Sir,

It is of urgent importance on security grounds that no reference should be made in the Press, even in the form of speculation, to the following matters:-

- (1) Methods we may adopt to convey oil and petrol to France other than by tankers or barges.
- (2) The fact that it may be unnecessary for us to capture a large port in France.

The second subject was referred to in a press despatch written at 21 Army Group Headquarters and published, after censorship by S.H.A.E.F., in a London evening newspaper to-day, Thursday (the Editor was good enough to remove it from later editions) but as the export of evening papers is not permitted for the time being, no real harm has been done.

Yours faithfully,

George P. Thomson

Rear-Admiral,
Chief Press Censor.