

ARMY FILM UNIT
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Cameraman: Sgt. Frost.
Story: Entry into Faenza.
Location: Faenza.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 17.12.44.
Unit: 2nd N.Z. Div.

A.851/1

Yesterday troops of the 2 N.Z. Div. entered Faenza, and although today the town is comparatively clear of enemy there is still fighting going on at point 315246 and East of the railway line.

Today engineers were at work mine clearing and clearing up debris whilst Gurkhas moved forward through and East of Faenza where the enemy are still making a stand.

Roll 1.

M.S. G.O.C. Sir Bernard Freyberg, V.C. looks on whilst engineers of N.Z. Div. clear a road by felling a tree.

M.S. Various angles of sappers at work sweeping the main route 9 through Faenza at point 305244.

M.S. Showing bulldozer at work clearing demolition on route 9 whilst Gurkha Infantry move through to drive the enemy out of the east side of the town.

Various angles M.S. 15 ft; L.S. 20 ft; C.U. 20 ft.

M.S. Civilians loaded with personal belongings return through the rubble strewn streets.

M.S. A New Zealander brings in a very disconsolate looking prisoner found in one of the houses near the railway station.

C.U. German being brought back through the rubble of the town he has just evacuated.

L.S. This records an unsuccessful attempt by R.E.'s to blow a way through the rubble; in order to open route 9. The explosion effected nothing.

M.S. of Gurkha Infantry taking cover of low railway walls as the enemy snipe from beyond the railway station at point 312248.

L.S. Scout car proceeding along road where snipers are thought to be hidden.

Cameraman: Sgt. Jessiman.
Story: Entry into Faenza.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 16.12.44.
Location: Faenza, River Sector.

A.851/2

Faenza has held us up for weeks, blocking our movements along route 9 towards Bologna. Fighting has been fierce because the Germans have resisted strongly, throwing in many counter attacks to try and hold the town of Faenza.

From the bridgehead we had established above the River Lamone on the west of Faenza, an attack was made to reach route 9 at a point N.W. of the town. A little later 2nd N.Z. Div. Cavalry Bn. made the river crossing on route 9 and entered the town.

'B' Squadron of the 2nd N.Z. Div. Cavalry Bn. had occupied the houses on the outskirts of Faenza immediately south of the river; and as the attack north of the town drew the main fire power of the enemy 'B' Squadron scrambled across the river, using the wreckage of the blown bridge as stepping stones.

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At 13.30 hours we entered Faenza. A spandau gun opened up on the right but fortunately not for long. Mortar bombs fell in the area of the railway bridge on our right. An occasional rifle shot and all else was silence. No N.Z. infantryman spoke. They concentrated on the crossing which seemed very open when you were making it and yet had to be taken slowly if one were not to fall in as one or two did.

Roll B1.

L.S. In outskirts of Faenza, on route 9 immediately south of River Lamone. Pan to M.S. of N.Z. engineers sweeping for mines amongst the rubble of the bomb wrecked street.

M.S. Mine sweeping.

L.S. A jeep moves over the cleared area. Signallers are laying out a signal line as far forward as they dare go.

M.S. Paying out the cable. In background can be seen extensive bomb damage.

L.S. Across the bomb damage as jeep passes.

L.S. Across the open approached to the bridge two N.Z. Officers go forward to recon. the river crossing.

M.S. First troop across use the blown bridge as stepping stones. North bank of river and Faenza in background.

Roll B2.

L.S. Across the river as infantry climb the opposite banks. M.S., C.U., L.S. Various details and angles of infantry crossing river.

L.S. Across the first square in Faenza; as infantry leave the banks and make for the houses.

M.S. Approaching the houses, their first job is to see that no enemy still linger.

Cameraman: Sgt. Gunn
Story: Fall of Faenza.
Location: Faenza, River Sector.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 16.12.44.
Unit: 2nd N.Z. Div.

A.851/3

At approximately 13.30 hours today, 16 Dec. 1944 Troops of 'B' Squadron of 2nd N.Z. Div. Cavalry entered the town of Faenza - German strongpoint on road to Bologna. After weeks of fierce fighting - mud and rain - playing a major roll, by holding up the Allied advance along the Bologna road. German counter attacks thrown in to try and hold the advance. Infantry of 'B' Squadron crossed the River Lamone stepping over wreckage of bridge destroyed by the enemy, and commenced 'mopping up' in the town of Faenza. Now and then a spandau opened up, but the infantry were too busy watching their footing on blown bridge to even worry about enemy fire.

Roll 1.

L.S. Infantry of 'B' Squadron pass through wreckage of houses in the outskirts of Faenza on their way to cross the River Lamone. Cross framed in foreground.

M.S. Troops pass cautiously along deserted street to River Lamone.

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M.S. obtained of infantry taking cover in bomb hole before the river crossing.
 M.S. Infantry scramble over wreckage of blown bridge across River Lamone.
 M.S. The Infantry climb high banks of Lamone and disappear over skyline.
 L.S. Low angle shot of infantry advancing along deserted street towards the centre of the town.

Roll 2.
 C.U. of 'KIWI' peering around corner during 'mopping up'.
 M.S. Infantry dashing for cover before making next stop in house clearing.
 M.S. 'KIWI' taking cover in doorway of house before moving off.
 M.L.S. N.Z. Infantry move through cover of wooded area towards centre of town.
 M.S. Stretcher bearers climb bank and disappear over skyline.
 M.L.S. N.Z. Infantry advance past Faenza sign board.
 M.S. of above - different angle.

Cameraman: Sgt. Deeming.
 Story: House Military Affairs Committee.
 Location: 5th Army area.
 Length: 300 ft.
 Date: 17.12.44.

A.852/1

Today the House Military Affairs Committee paid an official visit to 5th Army H.Q.
 The American Committee is made up of 16 Congressmen which includes one woman only, Mrs. Clare Booth Luce (R. Con.)
 In charge of the committee was Representative John M. Costello (Calif)
 They were met by Lt.-Gen. Clark, AAI Cmdr., and C. in C. 5th Army Lt.-Gen. Truscott, at 5th Army H.Q. and presented with a Guard of Honour.
 Shots showing Committee commencing tour after briefing by AAI Cmdr.

No

Roll 1.
 Self explanatory roll.
 Committee arrive at 5th Army H.Q. and take the salute at the Guard of Honour, together with C. in C. AAI, and 5th Army Cmdr.

Roll 2.
 Party stops to attend Church Service and below shellscarred building, the committee had a 'K' ration lunch before endeavouring to visit front line O.Ps which had to be cancelled owing to large size of party and enemy shelling.

Roll 3.
 Congressmen visit the American 8th Evacuation Hospital in their tour.
 Lt.-Gen. Clark departs and makes farewell.

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