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withdrawal. Towns and villages have given these Kiwi liberators a rousing reception, but the New Zealand troops have not let up in the gathering momentum of the chase to have had the opportunity to take advantage of the hospitality and gratitude of the liberated Italians.

Roll 1.

M.S. Bren Carriers speeding through the just liberated village of San Pietro whilst Italian civilians wave to their liberators.

M.S. Troops of S.P. guns of R.H.A. (British) who are supporting the New Zealanders thunder through the streets of San Pietro to the cheers of the recently liberated Italians.

M.S. The advancing columns move on, infantry riding on tanks and in 3 tonners pass through another village after the retreating enemy forces.

M.C.U. of the tank-borne infantry waving to the Italians as they pass through the countryside preceding the River Reno.

Roll 2.

M.S. Sherman Tanks of the New Zealand Div. Cavalry speeding along the road towards the River Reno.

M.S. The tanks climbing the stop-bank of the River Reno and going down towards the ford.

M.S. and M.L.S. Sherman Tanks of the New Zealand Div. Cavalry the first ones to cross the Reno - going across the river by the ford.

I.s. The Sherman Tanks mounting the bank on the other side of the river.

M.S. With a knocked out Italian 75 mm. (that the Germans were trying to get over the river) on left hand side of picture, New Zealanders Engineers lay foundations for the construction of a Bailey Bridge over the Reno.

Cameraman: Sgt. Deeming
Story: Entry to Bologna
Date: 21.4.45.
Length: 400 ft.

*Seen by
Howard 30/4/45*

A910/10

After fighting their way along route 9, the Polish Troops of the 8th Army today entered the Italian City of Bologna at 0616 hours.

They were greeted by the Italian civilians, in the usual manner, who were very pleased to see the end of the Germans in that area.

Rolls 1-3

These three rolls show troops entering the City of Bologna and the crowds of civilians welcoming the end of the Germans and the entry of the Allies.

All shots are self-explanatory.

Roll 4.

A further roll showing Italian, Polish and American troops being welcomed by the cheering population of Bologna.

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Cameraman: Sgt. Richiardi
 Story: Fall of Bologna
 Location: Route 64 to Bologna
 Date: 20-21.4.45.
 Length: 400 ft.

A910/11

For over two days I have been following the tanks of the 6th South African Armoured Division through Route 64 to Bologna. During the last two days these tanks and troops have advanced over 30 miles finishing up with the entrance to the Po Valley. Rolls 1-2.

Tanks and troops move up Route 64 and on Roll 2 are pictures of a little action in a small village.

Roll 3.

Pictures on this roll show troops approaching Bologna.

Roll 4.

This roll shows the entry to Bologna and street scenes in the City. Also shown is the link up between the troops of the 8th Army and the 5th Army.

Yes

Cameraman: Sgt. Huggett
 Story: Miscellaneous
 Location: N.W. Bologna - Modena
 Date: 22.4.45.
 Length: 160 ft.

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Roll 1.

Pan showing German cemetery near Bologna; number of graves 1,200 approx.

n.s. Showing several German graves.

c.u. of grave, some head stones show from the date that the German soldier was only eighteen when he was killed.

l.s. Showing American troops in the town of Modena.

Roll 2.

L.S. as last shot Roll 1.

L.S. Partisans firing rifles. Two Fascists put up a fight.

M.S. ditto - Fascists hold out in a church.

Remainder of this Roll wrecked by camera jamming.

No

Cameraman: Sgt. Huggett
 Story: Entry into Bologna
 Date: 21.4.45.
 Length: 100 ft.

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A wounded German prisoner on tank, ditto.

Gen. Poole (G.O.C. 6th Sth. African Arm. Div.)

Gen. F.H. Theron (G.O.C. Sth. African Troops in Italy) in conference on the outskirts of Bologna.

Prisoners climbing onto tank.

More prisoners being helped up on to tank.

Yes

Cameraman: Sgt. Deeming
 Story: "Field Marshal Alexander"
 Date: 24.4.45.
 Length: 400 ft.
 Location: 8th Army Area.

A910/14

Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, C-in-C, Mediterranean troops paid a visit during the day to various Corps, mostly those
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responsible for the capture of Bologna. He also visited the City itself and received an enthusiastic welcome. At the Polish Corps he commended on their victory of the fall of Bologna. He expressed a wish that they would vindicate their honour, retaliate on the enemy, for the injustice they have suffered by the 1st Paratroop Regt. although they have already killed their Commander, in the recent advance and captured their Regimental flag. Afterwards a visit was paid to see the damage done by Allied bombing on a bridge over the River Reno accompanied by 10th Indian Div. Commander, Major General W.R. Reid, D.S.O., M.C. Roll 1.

Leaving Army on his day's tour.
Visiting 10th Corps.

Roll 2.

Meeting Italian Commander of the Prùli Marco Membo Grupos who assisted in liberating Bologna.

Roll 3.

A visit to the City of Bologna.
In the Piazza Vito Emanuele II

Roll 4.

Viewing damaged bridge over the River Reno.

Cameraman: Sgt. Richiardi
Story: Gen. Clark visits Bologna
Date: 22.4.45.
Length: 150 ft.

A910/15

Today Gen. Mark Clark, C-in-C. Allied Armies in Italy visited Bologna and he was met, at the outskirts of the town by the Commander of the Polish Troops serving in the 8th Army. It was these troops who first entered Bologna. The two representatives of the Polish Corps were Gen. W. Anders and Gen. Bohvsz. The latter is the Polish Corps Commander, also present were Generals Truscott, 5th Army Commander and Keyes, 2nd Corps Commander.

After being met by the above Gen. Clark drove to the centre of the town. Here the National Anthem of the Allies were played by the band of the 34th U.S. Div. A few more hand shakes and the Generals drove off.

Roll 1.

Various shots of Gen. Clark meeting the above named and viewing the flag of the Para Div. (German) captured by the Poles on the road to Bologna. The Generals discuss the war situation over a map. Driving through the town.

Roll 2.

Various shots in the town square of Bologna.

Cameraman: Sgt. Elvin
Story: Advance by Punjab Rgt.
Location: Minerbo
Date: 22.4.45.
Length: 300 ft.

A910/16

During the night of the 21st and the morning of the 22nd. the Infantry of the 1st Punjab Regt. Indian Division advanced

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DOPE SHEET ON MEETING OF GERMAN OFFICERS WITH CHIEF
OF STAFF AT F. H.Q.

Chief of Staff's office at H.Q. showing Lt. Gen. W.O. Morgan Chief of Staff and representatives of the Supreme Allied Command Mediterranean and the 16th Army group awaiting the arrival of two German agents who will represent General von Vietinghoff, German South Eastern Commander and SS General Wolff Supreme Commander of SS troops and Police Plenipotentiary and General of the Wehrmacht in Italy.

This subject is photographed in sound. In order to obtain cut in shots it was necessary to have cameraman with Eyemo camera moving about the room.

Subject covers the meeting of the German Delegates with Chief of Staff and being given the terms of unconditional surrender and saying same.

NOTE:

Sound quality may not be at the best due to noises from the street as well as from the Eyemo. This could not be helped. The Germans did not speak very loudly.

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Subject: Meeting of German Officers with Chief of Staff AFHQ.

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Italy.

Roll 8172; 8173; 8174 - Cut-in Shots for SPX-100.

Cameraman: Capt. Knechtel. 1 Roll 35 mm. BW 860'.

Subject: As above - SPX-100. Type of Film: DuPont Type 2.

Roll 8175: Chief of Staff's Office AFHQ. showing Lt. Gen. W.D. Morgan, Chief of Staff, AFHQ and representatives of the Supreme Allied Command Mediterranean, and Fifteen Army Group awaiting the arrival of two German agents who will represent Gen. von Vietinghoff, German South Eastern Commander and SS General Wolff, Supreme Commander of SS troops and police and plenipotentiary and General of Wehrmacht in Italy. This subject is photographed in sound. In order to obtain cut-in shots it was necessary to have cameraman with Ryeme moving about room. Subject covers the meeting of the German delegates with Chief of Staff AFHQ and being given the terms of unconditional surrender and saying same.

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Roll 8176 - Sound for roll 8175.

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