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Cameraman: Edmonds.

Date: Dec.28/29,1951.

Subject: Port Said. (Silent)

Total Length: 800 ft.

Order and Description of Shots:

Travel shots from launch through Suez Canal to Port Said (ships passing through with R.A.F. security in picture.)

General view approaching Port Said.

The Harbour and Town showing H.M.S. Gambia.

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BOX 1. Aboard H.M.S.Gambia, shot of operations room. (Phone and Radio Room)

Gambia's anti-thug patrol leaving ship in launch for police duty, to check pilfering and deal with anything suspicious.

Landing craft with Navy doing mooring duties, releasing ships from Harbour buoys.

Sunday Service, despite Navy duties. Tolling ships bell to summon hands to Church. The Service taken under cover of awning.

BOX 2. Navy, Army and R.A.F. on board for shipping conference.

Stores unloaded by troops from lighter.

Services dealing with Stores, General View Camerons coming off landing craft.

Destroyers Corunna and Agincourt sailing from (Port Said?)

"Black Ranger", ship in centre. (NOTE: Original dope sheet is not quite clear on the above two sentences).

Leaving Gambia, another shot of ship.

End of Box 1. 30 ft.

Shots of ships names and nationality.

Close ups in the Canal.

REMARKS.

No Egyptian labour in Port Said. British Services keep Canal open for the World.

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ROTA.

Date: 1st January, 1952.  
New Years Day.

Cameraman: Edmonds.

Subject: Cameron Highlanders.

Location: Tel-El-Kebir.      Total Length: 350 ft.

Order & Description of Shots:

Visit to the Camp of the Camerons in the heart of the Desert, after duties at Port Said, was to show New Year celebrations in traditional Scottish way. Interview in semi-darkness spoilt good story. Following shots were taken, as Scotland anxious to see their Troops:

Shot of Camp sign and Flag.

Kitchens preparing New Years Dinner, Turkey, Pudding, Mince Pies, Cakes.

Football Match in blazing heat, Officers -v- Sergeants, Sergeants won 2-1.

The men get rather too enthusiastic. Crowd shots and short shot of very amateur football.

Officers and men shake hands, with a Happy New Year.

BOX 1.

BOX 2.

General shots of Camp in the desert.

General Preamble for Material shot by Mr. Edmonds on  
the Morning of January 9th, of R.A.F. Regt. Armoured Cars.  
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To reinforce the Army's Desert Patrols in the Canal Zone of Egypt, No.4001 Armoured Car Flight of the Royal Air Force Regiment was recently flown from its normal station at Amman in the Kingdom of Jordan to R.A.F. Station, Fxt Fayid. In these shots a troop of Armoured Cars and supporting Land Rovers are seen on their first patrol in the neighbourhood of an important Army and R.A.F. Depot in Egypt. Before going to Aman in August 1950, the flight had served for 22 years in Aden. Its activities are likely to curb the activities of Egyptian terrorists, pilferers and cable cutters. It is operating on a 24 hour a day basis, most of its patrols being at night.

TAKE 1. Shot of the Troop on a road approaching its desert patrol area.

TAKE 2. The Troop passes a native village.

TAKE 3. Close-ups of approaching armoured car.

TAKE 4. A camel struggling to its feet under a heavy load, with an armoured car in the background.

TAKE 5. The officer commanding the flight - Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Zeylmans - suspects something in the distance, and asks the Troop Commander, Officer Richard Barraclough - to examine it through his binoculars.

TAKE 6. An armoured car and its attendant Land Rover move off to investigate.

9.1.52.



DOPE SHEET. (NR.A.ROTA)

9.1.52.

Cameraman: Edmonds.

Footage: 250 ft.

Subject: Desert Patrol by R.A.F. Regt. Armoured Cars.

Order and Description of Shots:

Cars patrolling along Desert road - 2 shots.

Neighbourhood of Arab Village.

Camel in foreground.

Directions and instructions by O.C. to car.

Close ups of cars and occupants moving away.

This unit just arrived from Jordan.

(signed) A.R. Edmonds.

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DOPE SHEET (N.R.A.)

11.1.52.

Cameraman: Edmonds.

Subject: 2nd Battn. Parachute Regt. (16th Independent Parachute Brigade)

Location: Raid at Two Villages - ABUSWEIR.

Footage: 400 ft.

Order and Description of Shots:

Under Command of Lt.Col.G.W.White - two villages named HAMUD SUITAN and ABU GAZIA, (near ABUSWEIR) - suspected of hiding Terrorist Commandos, raided. Shots 1 and 2 - Paratroops searching for bombs etc. with detectors in Arab Garden - boy in suspect pen - Women of village in barbed wire pen, while houses searched. Long shot and close ups. Families being brought out of mud built dwellings, while houses searched. Old and young are taken to the pens, close ups, and general views. Pens now nearly full. General shot. Searching of men by troops. Bombs found being examined - 1 shot. General view of whole scene

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On end of this Roll - Russian trawlers passing through Canal.

(1 Eyemo spool. Trawlers going through Canal, by Canal Company's premises, with British Army troops in background)

(signed)

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COPY DOPE SHEET (N.R.A. ROTA)

Cameraman: Edmonds. 12/1/52.

Subject: 1st Battn., E.Lancashire Regt.,  
raid Village for Terrorists.

Location: El Rod Sultan, Egypt. Footage: 400 ft.

Order and description of shots:

A platoon marching to village.  
Control point of walkie-talkie section.  
R.A.F. Interrogating Officer questioning Village Head Man.  
General view men of the village in barbed wire pen.  
" " women " " " " " "  
Shot of the E.Lancashire Troops on the outskirts.  
Egyptian Police of the village (with arms)  
Entering the mud built houses (2 shots)  
General view of wog village.  
Lt.Col.Taylor and Officers with plan.  
A break for tea - cookhouse on road. (2 shots)  
Intelligence Officers screening men for suspects.  
Close ups (note photographs to help identify)  
3 men after questions are suspected of being  
with Terrorists, taken prisoners and marched off.

Note:

This raid, the 2nd in two days, is the result of firing and ambushing our troops, and will couple up with raid by Parachute Regt.



DOPE SHEET. (N.R.A. ROTA)

13th January, 1952.

Cameraman:- Edmonds.

Subject:- Troops in Action.

Location:- Tel El Kabir.

Order and Description of Shots:

Terrorists, and Egyptian Commandos, made an attack in force. Coldstream Guards, Cameron Highlanders, and 26th Field Artillery Regiment repelled them.

26th Artillery Regiment parade - leaving for scene.

Crossing Canal by folding boats.

Troops fanning out across fields.

Machine gun posts manned by Camerons.

Egyptian Burial Ground, where Terrorists sniped at British.

Lines of Civilian traffic held up.

All vehicles and occupants searched by Camerons at road block - long and close shots.

Remarks:

Egyptian killed and wounded, and prisoners taken)

Last shot detainees in Prisoners Camp from Tel El Kabir.

(signed) A.R. EDMONDS.

REPORT FROM H.Q.

After a mine explosion and W.D. train had been fired on and fire had been returned by Cameron Highlanders (1st Battn. Queens Own) it is stated:

One Company, 3rd Battn. Coldstream Guards, crossed the Canal and one Battery (on foot) 26th Field Regt. R.A. combed area of Tel El Kabir Station, meeting little opposition.

At 11.30 one Company, Coldstream Guards crossed the Canal South of Tel El Kabir and proceeded to clear the area. Egyptians opened fire from El Hammada and from the Native Hospital.

Estimated casualties: (Egyptian)  
Approx. 8 killed (4 bodies picked up)  
" 25 wounded  
" 25 detained (some armed)

6 rifles and 3 sten guns captured.  
Total strength of Terrorists - about 50.  
Some prisoners state 100.

Our Casualties:

2 Camerons injured by mine.  
I.N.C.O. of Coldstreams killed.  
Egyptians did not withdraw until outflanked.



THE PARACHUTE RAID ~~IN~~ ABUSWEIR.

This was made about dawn and was reconstructed by me at first light.

The night previous from this location, Terrorist Commandos had shot and bombed at our Troops, after an engagement, these terrorists fled. Next day, the Paratroops surprised the village, rounded up all inhabitants, searched the dwellings, placed natives around barbed wire pens, questioned suspects, and with mine detectors found bombs. After searching, the men, and getting information, villagers go back to their homes.

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