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Cameraman.....E.P. Genock
Story Covered.....Sir Arthur Longmore inspects new arrivals
Place of Event.....Egypt
Stock Used.....Plus X.

The Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Sir Arthur Longmore takes a great personal interest in the activities of all units under his command. Having been born in Australia he takes especial interest in the arrival of Australian pilots who have come to join his command. Another unit, of which little is heard is the R.A.F.'s own Army - units of armoured cars whose work is aerodrome protection plus convoy guarding across the desert. There's nothing worth shattering about this story but it might be useful because of the personality and/or future activities.

Roll 1

Arrival A.O.C. in C. in his personal plane
Gv Parade of Australian airmen just arrived
Sv Men
Sv A.O.C. in C. talking to men
Sv same

Roll 2

Cu types
Sv and angles on A.O.C. in C. talking to men

Roll 3

Sv Sir A. Longmore inspecting R.A.F. of the Armoured Car section
Sv and angles same

Roll 4

Armoured cars in desert.

Exclusive.

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Cameraman.....E.P. Genock
Story Covered.....Hurricane Fighters arrive in Egypt
Place of Event.....Western Desert
Stock Used.....Plus X.

The Italian Air Force will find even harder going in their attacks on Middle East - as the R.A.F. has been reinforced with numbers of Hurricane fighters. So far they have presented problems due to intense heat and consequent overheating of Engine - now, however, that has been overcome and pilots are taking easily to these new machines. I did perhaps overmuch aerial stuff on these, as I expect you at home have had a lot of opportunity of getting better stuff but I thought it might be useful even for library. Unfortunately the machine I was in had a terribly sticky turret, so at times I was holding on to camera with one hand and trying to turn turret with other. This isn't an alibi. I had a go trying to get shots of the Hurricanes firing, but even with traces the bullets don't seem to show very much.

- Roll 1 Cn types of desert fighter squadron
 Sv machine taking off
 Sv machine flying
 Repeats expecting him to zoom down close
- Roll 2 Cn shadow of prop. - pilot running across as prop
 starts
 Repeat
 Sv taxi-ing off
 Sv mechanics putting in ammunition into wing guns
- Roll 3 Sv and Cv and angles on ammunitioning
 Cv desert open-air dressing room. Pilots putting
 on 'chutes
 Sv Same and running to machines
 Sv pilot taking off topee - putting on helmet.
- Roll 4 Flying material - flying in various formations -
Roll 5 dive attacking and doing victory loop and one
 machine firing.

Roll 6

Closer shot Hurricanes flying

Cu shot pilot in air (tried to motion to him to close flap and stop looking at me - but failed)

(For your interest and information this particular pilot was brought down a few weeks ago in Lybian Desert - and walked back 55 miles in 17 hours before he was picked up by one of our advanced patrols - and he hadn't touched either his water bottle or iron rations -thinking he'd probably be several days in the sand!)

Cu angle on guns in butts - I wanted to try and get movement in this - but couldn't get at it.

Sv Hurricane firing in air - diving and 'victory' roll

Roll 1

Roll 2

Roll 3

Roll 4

Roll 5

Camerasman.....E.F. Gemoek
Story/Covered.....Scenes in Western Desert
Place of Event.....Western Desert
Stock Used.....Plus X.

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For the first time since Graziani's offensive into Egypt, I was allowed to go to Western Desert. For filming purposes I was allowed four hours and a trip arranged to visit the Indian troops. However it was Sunday so they were not doing anything. Visits to the Desert are again temporarily (we hope) stopped.

Roll 1 Gv Anti-tank pit being dug by native labour
Sv and angles same
Gv Escarpment - Indian troops at MG position.

Roll 2 Gv new Vacuum Flask bombs which Italians have been using
Sv and Cu new bomb

These bombs are of the "secret weapon" variety and came as a surprise. They are dropped about 500 or 600 at a time from a plane. They drop on the ground and rest there for about 30 seconds before becoming 'live'. From then on they are very sensitive to slightest movement - or even heavy vibration. Flags are put down to mark their position and they are dealt with by rifle fire or long-range lances. Could not induce them in the short time at our disposal to lay on a 'bomb destruction' party.