

VARIOUS AT SEA.

GENERAL STORY OF FLEET AIR ARM COOPERATION IN MEDITERRANEAN.

1. Preliminary - flying on anti submarine patrol over the straits, four French destroyers are observed making their way East - perhaps to Toulon? To be armed perhaps against us? But we have to let them pass. Sweep - cut in shots of cruisers GLASGOW and SHEFFIELD against evening sun at start of a sweep of the Fleet through the Mediterranean to supply the East with re-inforcements etc.
2. On flight deck of ARK ROYAL - a shadowing aircraft has been reported and three Fulmars are assembled. They take off to shoot down aircraft.
3. Dealt with the Italians they return and land on deck. Flash of A.A. fire. Argus showing some aircraft on flight deck. More take off cut-ins slowing fighter patrol again with some of the Fleet in background.. Director look out crew watching sky for returning aircraft and checking that no high flying ones are hostile.
4. Sir Clive Widdell (Lt. General) Governor of Gibraltar in the gardens of the Residency with his staff. Close up of Sir Clive - walking
5. Continuing previous sequence - Argus and Sheffield in heavy sea. Renown ditto. Destroyer races up in high seas to stand astern in case of any aircraft landing on in rough weather may miss the heaving flight deck
6. More cut-ings of take offs and rough seas with Renown and Despatch.
7. Aerial shots of fleet, Despatch, Renown Ark Royal, Sheffield, attempted shots hereafter from this aircraft - spoiled by vibration etc. Cut in shots of preparations for flight, all taken in gale, bombs, starting, pilots and crews, setting bombs on Swordfish. Ditto taking off
8. The Captain of Ark Royal on the bridge directing operations. Also wing commander directing flying-off. Fleet meets convoy which is to be given safe passage to the Eastern Mediterranean. various shots of meeting. Operation object is to get convoy through safely at all costs. At this point reconnaissance aircraft report that Italian Fleet is at sea not far away. So Swordfish are loaded with torpedoes. These are shown flying off to torpedo cruisers and battleship in Fleet. Flash of one or two returning.
9. Loading up the Swordfish with full size torpedoes. Various cut ins showing pilots etc. Then shots of them returning one by one.
10. At last the final one comes in and all have returned safely to base. A walrus flying boat from the Manchester which was flown off for reconnaissance, lands on its ship, could not stop during operation to pick her up again. Various shots of Fleet firing at Italian bombing aircraft, showing bomb bursts near Ark Royal etc.
11. Skuas being loaded with bombs for dive bombing attack on Fleet after Swordfish have believed to have damaged two cruisers, destroyer and battleship. More bombing scenes - A.A. fire etc. NOTE - Owing to extremely short time of action bombing no cut-ins of gun crew etc can be obtained simultaneously. Also it is impossible obviously to give an accurate log of every shot as some six or eight rolls are often shot before dopesheets can be made. Fleet shown sailing on undamaged.
12. Bombing raid on our fleet, cut ins. Next morning Swordfish are catapulted off for reconnaissance work. Fleet turning into line abreast showing Berwick, Ramillies, Renown and Town class cruiser Newcastle
13. Evening cut ins of Fleet after raid. Considerable hurry to fly off fighters as bombers are again reported. Swordfish comes back.
14. Cut in shots from air of fleet returning - latter shots in 15 show some ships with battle ensigns flying in triumph on returning to Gibraltar.

GENERAL STORY OF FLEET AIR COOPERATION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN

This could be used as a cut in for going into action. Gibraltar shown in background - fleet returning safely to base.

16. Cut in shots of air crews before take off to torpedo and dive bomb aircraft returning safely.

First Swordfish shadowers, who spotted Italians and kept on check on them at first, then torpedo crews and finally Skua dive bomb crews.

NOTA.

1. Deal with the Italian fleet in the heavy sea. Fleet of A.A. fighters, Argus showing some aircraft on light back. More take off cut-ins along lighter patrol again with some of the fleet in background. Director look out crew watching sky for returning aircraft and checking that no high flying ones are hostile.
2. Sir Olive Siddell (Lt. General) Governor of Gibraltar in the presence of the Residency with his staff. Olive up of Sir Olive - walking.
3. Continuing previous sequence - Argus and Sheffield in heavy sea. Reconnoiter moves up in high seas to stand astern in case of any aircraft landing on in rough weather may miss the heavy light boat.
4. More cut-ins of take off and rough seas with Reconno and Geparator. Aerial shots of fleet, Geparator, Reconno Ark Royal, Sheffield. Aerial shots hereafter from this aircraft - spotted by Geparator. Cut in shots of preparations for landing, all down in this, Reconno, Geparator, Reconno and Geparator, setting bombs in Swordfish. Ditch taking on the Geparator of Ark Royal on the bridge directing operations. Also King commander directing flying off. Fleet in the convoy which is to be given safe passage to the Western Mediterranean. Various shots of Reconno. Operation object is to get convoy through safely at all costs. At this point reconnaissance aircraft report that Italian fleet is not far away. So Geparator and Reconno with torpedoes are shown flying off to torpedo cruisers and battleship in fleet. Fleet of one or two returning.
5. Loading up the Swedish with full six torpedoes. Various cut ins showing bombs etc. Then shots of them returning empty ones.
6. At least the final one comes in and all have returned safely to base. A warning flying boat from the Geparator which was flying off for reconnaissance, lands on the ship, could not stop during operation to pick her up again. Various shots of fleet flying at Italian landing aircraft, showing bomb bombs near Ark Royal etc.
7. Lines being loaded with bombs for dive bombing attack on fleet after Swedish have believed to have damaged two cruisers, Geparator and battleship. More bombing scenes - A.A. five etc. NOTE - Owing to extremely short time of action bombing no engine of gun crew etc can be obtained simultaneously. Also it is impossible obviously to give an accurate log of every shot as some six or eight rolls are often shot before photographs can be made. Fleet shown sailing on undamaged.
8. Landing on our fleet, Reconno, Geparator, Reconno and Geparator. Next morning Swedish are caught off for reconnaissance work. Fleet turning into line spread showing Battleship, Battleship, Reconno and four of an cruiser Hawaiian.
9. Leaving out line of fleet after take. Considerable hurry to fly off with some as bombers are again reported. Swedish some back. Cut in shots from air of fleet returning - latter shots in 10 show ships with battle engines flying in through on returning to Gibraltar.

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BRITISH MOVIE TONEWS - CAMERAMAN'S REPORT.

Various cut-in shots - No story.

Cut in shots during practice torpedo attack. No shots of "fish" actually dropping available owing to last position in formation. Tracks of "Fish" making for destroyer. Their tracks appear well astern as they only come up about a hundred feet behind the "fish".

Cut-ins on dive bombing, & similar. Bombs for practice too small to show.

Shots of Swordfish being catapulted in high wind. "Renown" firing 15" practice throw-offs.

Cut ins of interception of strange merchant ship which proved to be British.

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BRITISH MOVIE TONNEWS - CAMERAMAN'S DOPESHEET.

Governor of Algeciras visits Ark Royal - With Sir Clive Liddell, Governor of Gibraltar, Admiral North, Vice Admiral Somerville and Major General Mason MacFarlane.

Governor of Algeciras coming on board and being greeted by Captain Holland. Also Admirals above. Party ascends to Flight Deck by aircraft lift and inspects torpedo carrying Swordfish, and accelerator system of launching.

ROLL II: Party examining Fulmar and Skua Aircraft, showing latter wing being folded for lowering to hangar. Party descending for lunch (Lt. General Sir Clive Liddell) shown. Admiral Somerville leaving. Governor of Algeciras leaving with Governor of Gibraltar and Admiral North.