

in: BEN R. HART.

SILENT
580 ft. Plus X.

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THE FALL OF FORT RUTBAH, IRAQ.

The point of this movement was an aeroplane to fly over the fort, drop a message demanding their surrender. The fort was surrounded by the famous Arab Legion and other troops. Failing a white flag being flown the planes would start bombing an hour later. There was no white flag shown so the planes started bombing. After a few bombs had been dropped an aeroplane of our dropped us a message saying a white flag was flying. We moved forwards to occupy it when they opened fire on us again so a signal was laid on ground to our planes saying continue attack, which they did. The fort was evacuated at night by the Iraqis and occupied by us in the morning by R.A.F. Armoured Cars.

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Various shots of officers and men of the Arab Legion on hill watching bombing of Fort Rutba. The fort controls the roads to Baghdad, Palestine and Transjordan and Damascus.

Close up of Arab Legion man with glasses.

Close up of British Officers watching bombing.

Various shots of Armoured cars circling fort.

Shots of bombing of Fort.

Refugees from village of Rutba, who are friendly to us chatting to soldiers. They had been sheltering under bridge.

Refugee giving information to the Pasha.

Refugee drinking water.

Close up of the British head of the Arab Legion, Glubb Pasha, giving instructions to Armoured car.

Various shots of cars closing in and aeroplane flying over armoured car, supporting it. General view of Fort with cars on front.

Shot of white cross on ground with plane over. Signal means continue attack and followed them opening fire on us after white flag incident.

Various shots of men resting at Advance H.Q.

Various bomb bursts.

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The occupation.

R.A.F. Armoured car into fort.

Intelligence officers questioning villagers who came back after our occupation.

Swing fan from Pumping Station to water tank.

Shots inside water pumping station. The Iraqis had removed engine and tank was empty.

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Shots inside fort showing wreckage etc.

Officer inspecting fort.

G.V. fort.

Myself on left of screen.

Even the cameras are camouflaged.

R.A.F. man wiping face and with sword.

Tozer arrived late and did short section.

Camerman.....A.W. Tozer
Location.....Fort Rutbah, Iraq
Length.....80 feet plus X

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Some of the R.A.F. bomb damage in Fort Rutbah and some of the beleaguered Arabs being rounded up by a member of the R.A.F. Armoured Car Company.

Armoured cars (R.A.F.) entering the Fort (Pan up to white flag)
White flag being pulled down after occupation
G. view in Fort.

Did not continue with this story as I met Ban Hart who had already got the attack etc. (rota) before I arrived. I am now taking over from him and he is returning.

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Camerasman. B.R. HART
Story covered: Iraq Trouble.
Advance base near frontier, Transjordan.
Length exposed: 300 ft.

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Man
Had to rush story to make plane.

The men in Arab headress are the Arab Legion operating in Transjordan.

Various shots of them cleaning guns and fixing them to car.

Laying in holes dug in sand.

Air Force men filling sandbags and making gun emplacements.
Swing pan from man digging to finished gun emplacement.

G.V.'s of Pump Station in desert feeding pipe line, the cause of all the trouble.

Arab Legion men looking at planes and officers watch. Types. Stowing
number of Weapons. Men watching in block house.

G. V. desert Aerodrome.

Arab Legion making camp.

Putting water on sand to keep it down.

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Free French Forces

Paramount
(no date sheet)

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300 feet