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COPY OF DOPE SHEET OF GAUMONT BRITISH LTD. RECEIVED 2nd JUNE. 1941.

Cameraman.....S.R. Bonnett
Date.....17th May
Subject.....Western Desert Force scenes
Length.....900 feet
Light Conditions..Normal except tins marked 6OR7.
If taken for Rota.Yes
Type of Neg.Plus X.

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German prisoners captured around Fort Capuzzo district on 15th May during a British thrust. They are shown in the Prisoners' Cage marching, resting and taking food. Aussies and other troops looking through the wire seem interested. The Germans did not wish pictures to be taken and hung their heads when camera was pointed at them.

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2. Similar to Roll 1.
3. Roll consists of half German and last half Italian prisoners - as above.
4. All Italian prisoners also arriving and detrucking at Cage - getting into line - resting whilst arrangements are made for them together with a few close ups of faces for cutting in. There is also one shot. Italians in rear with a working party of Germans passing in foreground. Although these Italians have only just arrived the Germans take not the slightest notice of them.
5. Armoured cars. Shots show one of the types of cars used in the Desert. They are seen in various formations and left immediately for more serious work in the Desert.
- 6,7 IMPORTANT Rolls 6 and 7 have got mixed. One is the continuation of Roll 5 (Armoured cars) taken in good light. The other is of Italian prisoners taken in very poor light in late evening and therefore should require extra attention in developing. May I suggest a test be taken from front of roll and test be made to sort this out and also take this opportunity to apologize for inconvenience caused.
The Italian prisoners roll was taken in the bad light as it was the first batch to arrive and I wanted to try and get "something". It shows them in groups - being searched - being put into trucks etc. If the roll is underexposed too much Roll 9 will replace same as it was taken the next day under normal conditions, but a different location with other Italian prisoners.
8. 100 feet of a sand storm and strong wind. Visibility here is good but at times it develops into a London Pea Soup effect - a black out. Pictures show a section of a once Italian Hospital Tent Section. Orderly comes from his tent and runs to another which is seen to be billowing in the strong wind.
9. Smoke - 100 ft. Actually this is tar near the enemy and is being destroyed in case he should secure same. It may, however, be used for a future picture of destruction caused by bombing or gun fire somewhere providing I(b) branch are not seen in picture.