

PARAMOUNT NEWS.

CAMERAMAN: E.P. GENOCK

STORY. British advance into Syria.LENGTH. 2130 ft.

With the news of arrival of German planes, troops and technicians into Northern Syria, many of the Circassian troops crossed the frontier to join the Free French. Frontier cavalry arrived from Syria travelling to the shores of Lake Galilee bringing news of German activities and of the desire of a large part of the Syrian population for the British to take over, before the country should fall completely into Nazi hands.

At the frontier post of Nakura on the coast road the after-noon before the entry of troops, everything appeared normal - certain travellers arrived, searched in the normal way, but meanwhile on the frontier in Palestine, with great secrecy, troops moved into position. Tanks took cover in orange and eucalyptus groves - while troops worked on their equipment. A final Officers' conference, watches synchronised and as dawn broke columns were already passing the frontier post moving into Syria. Light tanks and motorised infantry crossed the frontier post on the coastal road under the eye of Brigadier Stevens. Troops moved forward steadily until held up by a road blown by Vichy French. This was cleared and the column moved forward to join the one of other advancing columns at Tyre. Here resistance increased as French held strong line on River Leontes. Was hoping to get entry into Beyrouth with this, but thought better hurry this off immediately.

SEQUENCE 1. Rolls 1 - 9 inclusive.
 Various angles and shots Circassian Cavalry arriving in Palestine from Syria.
 Shots of Nakura frontier post before entry of troops.
 SU and Close up of Gen. Laverack (O.C. Australian Troops) and Brigadier Stevens in group of four before moving off.

SEQUENCE 2. Rolls 10 - 17
 G.V. light tanks crossing frontier post. Back view entering Syria. Su and Cu Brigadier watching operation. Su Brig. getting message from motor cyclist. (Wanted to do close up of message bringing news of road-blow, as a cutin link, but no time.) Light tank passing past blazing oil dump, fired by retreating Vichy.
 Group of Lebanese (mostly cavalry) captured on coast road. SU one interrogated by Free French Officer. CU types. GU Troops advancing into Syria and anti-tank guns firing GV and angles. Prisoners used to clear road block. Wounded Australians being tended.

SEQUENCE 3. Rolls 18 - 22
 GV Blown coast road. Angles on repairing road.
 Angles on 25 pound guns firing.
 SV Artillery control post, officer giving range Angles on advance observation post and views of line held by French along river.
 Self taking pictures from post. Two (bad) shots French destroyers who appeared suddenly and opened fire (as we were at O.P. which was objective, we were heavily shelled and I found it impossible to get any other shots.)

Peaceful Syrian Scene.
 Shepherd taking flock away from firing line.
 French Vichy prisoners in truck, while Sergeant interrogated by officer.