

BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS

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CAMERAMAN: E.P. Genock

Location: Syria

SUBJECT: Entrance into Beyrouth of Gens. Wilson and  
Catroux and Entrance of troops.

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Total  
Length 900 feet.

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Part 1. Entrance of Troops into Beyrouth.

Roll 1. Odd shots taken abroad 1st Carrier to go into  
Beyrouth.

Cu & Sv: Villagers.  
Major of Camerons giving police instruction.

Rolls 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Various angles and shots of troops into Beyrouth.

Part 2. Entry of Generals. (continuation of part 1.)

Roll 1. Cv & Sv Libanese Mounted Police giving salute  
as generals pass.  
Cv Place des Martyrs, where procession passed.  
Sv Carriers passing.  
Sv Guns passing  
Sv Crowds.  
Sv Generals' cars' passing  
Cv Cars arriving at Grand Serail.

Roll 2. Plus X (needs extra development)

Angles. Gen. Catroux and Gen. Wilson greeting  
church dignitaries and Diplomats.  
Sv. Gen. Wilson greeting various Church repres.  
Sv. Gens. Wilson and Catroux greeting American  
Consul, Mr. Engert and staff.  
Cu Deputy M.E. Air Vice Marshall Drummond.  
Cv Reception.

Roll 3. Sv. Gens. Wilson and Catroux coming into building.  
Sv Parade outside.  
Sv Generals leaving  
Sv French marine guard  
Cv Beyrouth town.

Roll 4. Short end Neuman.

Sv Arrival Generals at Serail to cut into Noble's  
material.

For America, Universal should exchange material, as impossible  
cover, odd things happening ~~happening~~ all over the place.

Propaganda value completely spoiled by arrival of Generals in  
closed cars.

100 feet were unexposed.

PARAMOUNT NEWSCAMERAMAN: E.P. GENOCK.FILM Plus X

Story French Army make first moves in execution of Accord for the Cessation of Hostilities.

As agreed in the terms of the Convention signed at Acre, the French Army in Syria consisting mostly of Foreign Legion Sengalese and Algerians concentrate in various sectors, stacking arms and ammunition under guard.

They move northward to Tripoli, where the men gave the choice of repatriation or remaining in Syria.

I went amongst the French in these Sections and found that the men and N.C.O'S in general were (or became after short conversation) quite friendly, but I was amazed and dismayed and disgusted at the fierce antipathetic attitude of the officers. They spoke as in rage were very unfriendly and at the same time arrogant. One when asked if he spoke English replied, "Yes I speak English - but I don't choose to speak it again" Another in French sneered "Allors - vous avez trouve les Allesmands ici - hien? Quel pretexte!"

It seems that from a propoganda point of view within Syria more harm than good has been done by our line that we were fighting to chase the Germans out of Syria, when not one in a thousand among the Syrian Army had seen or even heard of a German being any where near. Being realists the French would have reacted much more favourably to the statement the Syria was an essential outpost to our defence of the Nile and we could not afford to allow a prior move - which the French in Syria could not prevent effectively - by the enemy. I am mentioning this reaction I found among the Officer class because I feel that something from a propoganda point of view should be done about it immediately instead of allowing these men to return to France to sow further seeds of discord there.

I refrained from taking pictures where officers were around or wherever this feeling was manifested for obvious reasons. As I was filming Section of Armoured cars the men hurriedly fetched French Flag and put up picture of Marshal Petain.

- Roll 1. Sequence a ~~few~~ pads when Australian troops entered Beyrouth which by error was not forwarded with other material.
- Roll 2. Gv Village north of Beyrouth with Australian and French troops  
Sv French troops packing up equipment  
Sv & Cir Same  
Sv French colonial N.C.O's in truck with blackboard of unit effectives
- Roll 3 Gv French camp North of Beyrouth (by error wrong lens was in on this therefore will be badly formed)  
Sv French troops passing camp Sv. French troops waving "Goodbye"  
Gv " guns with French guard SCN Sengalese guard.
- Roll 4 Gv Armoured cars and armoured fighting vehicles marked Friday the 13th (the first was knocked out before Damour)  
Gv French troops putting up French flag at their camp. Gv Same  
Cir French flag pan to S cir picture of Petain.  
Gv Australian soldiers in foreground watching French troops make camp  
S cir Australians
- Roll 5 gv Sengalese guard over ammunition stack Sv & Cir Same  
Gv and sequence on Sengalese horse transport moving north  
Sv and Cir 3 Plaques commemorating previous entries into Syria.

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GEN. WILSON AND GEN. VERDILAC TAKE OVER

BEYROUTH AND SYRIA

300 ft.

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Arrival of Syrian Governor and his gang (pres. of Lebanese republic)

Arrival of Gen. Wilson and Gen. de Verdilac, taking general inspection, coming up stairs to meet officers.

March through gendarmerie Guard of Honour.

Walking into Presentation Room.

Various elders and church Representatives being present

Long shot of both General son balcony and Cavalry in foreground leave the scene. Salute.

Remarks This fits with Paramount's coverage.

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Cameraman: R. NOBLE.  
 Story: General Wilson and General Verdillac take over  
 Beyrouth and Syria.  
 Footage: 300 Film Super XX and 100 feet Plus X

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Cameraman R. Noble.

Location: Syria.  
 Footage. 360  
 Stock used. - Super XX.

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