

A mule left in Tobruk which has now become pet of troops.

This baby donkey another pet was wounded by shrapnel.

Shots show troops attending the wound.

Troops making their way to front lines after a few hours spell. ditto - Manning trenches etc. and playing cards and reading maps which waiting for darkness to fall when they will go out on patrol again.

The "V" for Victory sign is well in evidence in Tobruk, and these small cards are carried by our troops on patrol, and left in various positions behind the enemy lines very frequently. A german Tank that was put out of action by our 25 pounders in a previous encounter with the enemy - ditto.

Soon after the above shots were taken two Italian shells landed right beside the tank, shots show explosions.

The Bush Artillery - some time ago these troops consisting mainly of cooks, wanted to "have a go" at the enemy too, and the 3 captured Italian guns and ammunition have recently done some good work in shelling enemy lines in the hands of these men. The guns had no proper sights left on them when captured, but with a small pole, the angle of the gun is manipulated in this primitive way.

A contrast of the above is a regiment seen in action shelling enemy positions. ditto - ditto - ditto.

Dense clouds of smoke caused by an Italian oil dump that was set on fire by enemy shelling. ditto -.

A bomb caused these big explosions when an Italian ammunition dump was hit ditto.

Cut in shots of troops taking cover while dump goes up.

Troops at a heavy A.A. site cleaning their guns after a shoot. ditto - Also manning predictor post. ditto -. Above with their pet "Larry the lamb" ditto.

Rations may be scarce in Tobruk but woe betide anyone who casts a thoughtful eye at Larry when meal times approach.

The A.A. Battery sign, a "top hat" painted on their guns and vehicles was their own idea for this battery came from London, and there is a glimpse of some of the gallant troops holding Tobruk. Posed group of the Bush Artillery troops.

A.I.F. troops who go out regularly on night patrols.

Indian troops at their gun posts "overlooking the enemy" ditto - preparing a meal.

A typical Indian soldier of Tobruk.

A " Australian " " "
A " English " " "

Closing silhouette shots of troops marching over hill top.

CAMERAMAN'S DOPE SHEET.

Subject:- Desert Troops enjoy Mediterranean Swim.

Where taken:- Mersa Matruh.

Cameraman:- H. E. Ashwood.

Footage:- 200 feet.

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From the heat and dust of the desert sands, to the coolness of the Mediterranean they come - and are these lads glad of the chance to take a plunge in the sea too. Even their Regimental Mascot "Private Whiskey" a spider monkey, overcame his natural aversion to getting wet in his desire to free his coat of the desert dust, for he too has shared the rigours of recent desert campaigns with his comrades. Shots show:- Two truck loads of troops wending their way coastwards through clouds of dust, - Ditto close-up, Vehicles coming through dust.

The troops alighting from the trucks on arrival at the sea - Some of the troops shaking off the dust, - Ditto troop shaking out dust from his helmet, - "Private Whiskey" dusty but cheerful, - Off with their boots, - Off with their shirts, - A rush for the sea, - and "Whiskey" follows close on their heels, - Ditto close up. - Back view troops taking the plunge, - Is it good, or is it good? "Private Whiskey" not a fast swimmer, gets a lift on the head of a comrade. - Ditto - Ditto.

A game of leap frog into the sea, enjoyed by the troops. Troops sunbathing after their bathe, - Ditto.

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