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Cameraman's report.. D. PROSSER.

Length: 1530 feet.

Assignment: Mideast.

Location: Cyprus.

Subject: Landing of troops in Cyprus.

Light conditions: Brilliant.

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Army and R.A.F. personnel embark in a cruiser to begin the arming of Cyprus. Few of these men can be shown at one time for they are well spread out for strategic reasons. Also this unit cannot be shown disembarking, but men of another are shown leaving a ship in Cyprus and unloading Motor Transport and equipment. Convoys of trucks are shown leaving for various parts of the island. (Some slight repetition unavoidable here). Troops arrive with gear at camp, and proceed to settle in, mounting A.A. defence guns etc. on virgin sites with the assistance of local labour. All this is done without much modern equipment such as mechanical hoists etc., but nevertheless is very well done. Cutting back to arrival in camp, men are regaled with fruit and settle down to preparing their small arms and sorting their kit. Then they dig their future quarters in the earth for aerodrome defence. On the drome ancient and modern rolling methods work side by side, while local water carts supply water to damp down the dusty surface for rolling.

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ROLL 6. Tying up with scene of next to show arriving troops regaled with fruit and tomatoes. Troops sorting out their equipment and reading at leisure during rest period. Le or shots showing how trench defence quarters for airfield are dug under camouflage. Cut ins working up to final complete stage. Men taking up quarters in finished trenches covered and camouflaged completely.

ROLL 7. Cut in shots on aerodrome showing native artificers at work building gear for troops - latrines - huts etc. Old carpenter shows work to fireman with British sentry in background. On landing field ancient ox roller is seen at work with modern diesel one. English C.S.M. directs operations of watering down the surface for rolling.

ROLL 8. Cut in shots of R.A.F. and F.A.A. story which failed owing to certain unavoidable accidents. Remaining end of Roll 6 (40 ft) shows work of trench digging etc. in camp while men clean webbing equipment in background.

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