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ARMY FILM UNIT.
DOPE SHEET.

Cameraman: Sgt. Deeming.
Story: Records - Polish Division.
Location: Hill.
Length: 400 ft.
Date: 15th February, 1944.

yes

A. 660/1/1 These troops of the Polish Div. are situated on a hill. They are knee-deep in snow, and subject to all kinds of weather, at the moment some of the worst that Italy can produce. The men have been on the 8th Army front for some 2 weeks now, and some of them fought at Tobruk as a battalion with the 8th Army. Others have had fighting experience on the Russian Front, and these men find themselves in terrain similar to that in which they have previously fought. Since taking up their positions overlooking the Appenines and under enemy observation, these men have had to face some of the worst conditions that a soldier can possibly experience. Great quantities of snow have fallen in this part of Italy, and mechanised vehicles are absolutely useless in this type of country. Accordingly, all supplies have to be carried by men or by mules. The Italian Mule Company is attached to the Polish Division, and is the only means of carrying rations to these troops in their forward positions. The Company work under supervision of a Polish Sergeant, and supply everything from water to ammunition.

Roll 1.
L.S. Mules move up a line of stores lying on the ground ready to be loaded.
M.S. of above.
C.U. Loading mules with stores.
M.S. of above.
M.S. Looking down as Italian muleteers load their charges with the aid and supervision of Polish soldiers.
M.S. Mules moving off on the journey forward.
L.S. Mule train winding down a lane.

Roll 2.
L.S. Mule train passing across a snow-covered plain.
M.S. Mules passing round a snow-bound corner en route.
M.S. Mules passing through a cleft in the track.
M.S. Polish and Italian soldiers talking during a half for a rest.
C.U. as above.
C.U. Italian muleteer with his charge - pan over to Polish soldier.

Roll 3.
M.S. A Polish Sergeant assists an Italian to adjust the load of water cans on the back of his charge.
M.S. Going up the climb.
C.U. Soldiers' and mules' feet slogging it through the snow.
M.S. Two mules hit a soft spot rounding a bend, and get into difficulties.
M.S. Polish soldier skier acting as look-out.
L.S. The mules passing.

Roll 4.
Pan along down mule train as it completes its journey, and is received by the waiting Polish Company.
M.S. Sergeant i/c mule train reports to officer.
C.U. As above. They shake hands.
L.S. The mule train unloading.
C.U. An Italian proudly pats his mule after completing a hard journey.
M.S. The complete stores as carried by a mule, with the muleteer in the rear. A Polish soldier comes in and carries away some stores.
C.U. A Polish soldiers examining the stores.
C.U. The Polish mule train sergeant.

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Camerman: Sgt. Deeming.
Story: Polish Machine Gunners in action.
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 15th Feb. 1944.

A. 660/1/2 Roll 5:
POLISH MACHINE GUNNERS IN THE SNOW.
The Hill is manned by Vickers Machine Gun Posts, and include Infantry, Small Arms, also support is given by Polish Artillery some miles in the rear. The Company H.Q. is under observation from the enemy during daylight, so Machine Gunners are equipped in white snow clothes when manning their guns.

Roll 5:
C.U. Three Polish Gunners dressed in snow clothes sit at the post, awaiting orders.
M.S. Vickers Machine Gun firing.
M.S. Soldiers maintaining their guns in action.
L.S. Gun firing in foreground and showing the snow covered mountain terrain.
M.S. No. 1 gunner observing through binoculars.
L.S. No. 1 in the gun-pit gives 'action stations' warning and in the background come three machine gunners.

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Camerman: Sgt. Deeming.
Story: Snow patrol with the Polish Troops.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 15th Feb. 1944.
Same location.
Same unit.

yes

A. 660/1/3 The ground occupied by the Polish Division has remained almost the same for the past two months, owing to the heavy going of the terrain, and the difficult situated river bed. No easy matter when all movements must be done on foot, very little action is therefore taking place, except continual patrol, activities by the Floes, and more so the enemy. Patrols are sent out by day, clad in snow clothes, giving good camouflage where extreme movement and distance has to be covered. At night patrol activity is much more intense by both sides.

Roll 6:
M.S. Patrol dons snow clothes.
C.U. ditto. Pan up from weapons standing up in the snow.
M.S. Patrols pick up and examine their arms.
C.U. ditto and the loading of tommy gun by the Section Leader.
M.S. The patrol moves off through the snow.
M.S. Coming up in line and opening out into open formation.
L.S. Advancing and getting down into the firing position.

Roll 7:
M.S. Section in lying position, Section Leader observes and points.
C.U. Pan from the Section Leader to Bren Gunner.
M.S. The patrol moves off afresh through deep snow.
L.S. Camouflaged in rocks and snow, the patrol moves out and goes down the hill.
L.S. View of the terrain, showing position held by the enemy from forward O.P.
C.U. A Polish Officer raises his binoculars and looks out to observe.