

ARMY FILM UNIT
DOPE SHEET

Cameraman: Sgt. Currey
Story: Royal Visit to Italy.
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 24.7.44.

A.772/2/3

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Roll 1.
The Supreme Commanders lunch was held in the Palace of Caserta. The following shots show the interior of the Palace and His Majesty mounting the white marble staircase accompanied by General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

Being introduced to War Correspondents in the Hall of the Palace.

Cameraman: Sgt. Fox.
Story: King's visit to Italy.
Location: Naples Dock area.
Length: 250 ft.
Date: 24.7.44.

yes

A.772/2/4

On the second day of his tour the King was accompanied by Admiral Sir J. Cunningham, C. in C. Mediterranean Fleet, who inspected many ships in the dock at Naples. The King also inspected shore establishments in the Dock Area.

Roll 1.
The following shots show the King with Admiral Cunningham and party inspecting the C. in C's staff and then the WRENS, an assortment of Allied personnel and finally departing in a launch to inspect the fleet.

Roll 2.
G.S. of launch arriving with the King on board.
M.S. of launch at quayside.
Pan shot of King coming up steps to depart in his car to inspect a short establishment.

Roll 3.
The following shot shows the King taking a General salute. He then inspects the Guard of Honour of the Royal Marines. Another shot shows the King with fellow officers inspecting some naval ratings, in the background are some American soldiers. The King leaves the parade and drives down the dock to his Villa.

Cameraman: Sgt. Fox.
Story: King George VI visits Italy.
Date: 23.7.44.
Length: 65 ft.
Location: Naples, Italy.

yes

A.772/2/5

Today, 23rd July, 1944, the King landed in his Plane at a Naples Airport. Several Senior Officers were present and among these were General Sir Maitland Wilson, C. in C. Mediterranean Forces, Admiral Sir John Cunningham, C. in C. Mediterranean Fleet. Later the King departed with Admiral Sir John Cunningham to a Villa outside Naples.

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A.772/2/5 (contd.).

Roll 1.
L.S.
L.S.
Panning shot - The King walks to awaiting car.
M.S. Car leaving with King and the Admiral.

Cameraman: Sgt. Jessiman
Story: The King arrives at Aerodrome, Italy.
Location: Aerodrome, Italy.
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 23.7.44.

A.772/2/6

Yes

Starting on his tour of Italy, King George VI was met by the C. in C. of the Armies in Italy, General Alexander at an airfield. The King arrived by plane escorted by fighter escort of Spitfires. General Alexander was waiting as the King emerged from the plane and both looked very pleased with life as they shook hands. General Alexander's car was waiting. The King laughed when he saw it. 'Some car' he said. 'No need to show me, I know the way in'. So saying he climbed into the back seat, General Alexander joined him, the Royal Pennant was erected on the Radiator Cap and they drove off to the A.A.I.

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Roll 1.
L.S. General Alexander in foreground as the King (in background) approaches him and they shake hands.
M.S. The King talking to a group of officers.
L.S., M.S. The King and Gen. Alexander walk towards the waiting cars.
M.S. The King climbs into the back of General Alexander's open car.
C.U. The Royal Pennant is fixed on the radiator cap by a C.M.P.
L.S. As the car drives away.

Cameraman: Sgt. Richiardi.
Story: Fall of Citta-di-Castello
Location: Citta-di-Castello
Length: 270 ft.
Date: 23.7.44.
Formation: Field Coy. R.E. Indian Division.

A.772/3/1

Citta-di-Castello, last town before the enemy's Gothic Line, was evacuated by the Germans this morning. Most troops have so far by passed the town owing to the large number of mines and booby traps in the roads and houses. The abovenamed troops are here seen clearing the town of mines. In Roll 1 a Bulldozer is seen going up on a Teller Mine.

Roll 2 shows the general feeling towards us and the enemy.

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A.772/3/1 (contd.)

In Roll 3 is seen the railway station, the only damaged part of the town by the Allies. Also is seen an Italian civilian who has stepped on a mine being treated by Allied doctors.

Roll 1.

- L.S. Entrance to the town.
- L.S. Clearing mines in the blown streets.
- M.S. ditto.
- M.S. Bulldozer at work.
- M.S. Bulldozer blown up on mine.
- L.S. ditto.
- M.S. Re-sweeping.
- C.U. ditto.

Roll 2.

- L.S. Town Hall - centre of town.
- M.S. ditto.
- M.C.U. Taking down German orders and sticking up new ones.
- C.U. Soldiers find a poster.
- L.S. Italian treat same.
- C.U. Burning poster.

Roll 3.

- L.S. Railway Station.
- C.U. Railway engine.
- M.S. Wounded Italian being treated.
- L.S. Wounded Italian being treated.
- C.U. Red Cross sign.
- M.S. Officer explains to Padre (Italian) where mines and booby traps are set in town and houses.

Cameraman: Sgt. Richardi
 Story: Fall of Citta-di-Castello
 Location: Citta-di-Castello
 Length: 100 ft.
 Date: 23.7.44.

A.772/3/2

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This roll is the continuation of film shot this morning on the fall of this town.

In this you see 'B' Coy. going through the town on their way to the enemy waiting in the hills beyond.

Last two scenes show a crater in the main road made by the enemy to hold up our advance.

Roll 1.

- L.S. Soldiers pass through the town.
- M.S. ditto.
- M.S. ditto.
- L.S. ditto.
- C.U. ditto.
- M.S. Clearing mines from road.
- Crater in road with Recce. Corps waiting to pass after it
- L.S. has been cleared of mines.

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BRITISH MOVIE TONNEWS
DOPE SHEET

Camera man: Graham Thompson
Story: King in Italy (R.A.F. & S.A.A.F.)
Date: 26.7.44.
Location: North Italy.
Length: 550 ft.

B.464/D

yes

Paul and Martin presented to the King.
Several shots King with South African Air Force.
With R.A.F., received by Officer.
Walking to Ops. room with Air Vice Marshal Baker and another officer.
Leaving Ops. room to car for inspection.
Inspection of fighter pilots and ground crews of Desert Air Force.
Passing damaged building around flying field which were bombed and strafed by these boys during German occupation.
Senior officers of Fighter Wing presented to King.
Inspection of Desert Air Force boys - American - South African and R.A.F. - one or two shots of R.A.F. (band got together from ground crews, but suggest this not used as it gives wrong impression of days tour).
King at briefing of fighter squadron before attack on Petrol Storage dump. (Several shots): Briefing Officer: Capt. McGregor.
From road King watches these boys take off on their raid. All these flying fields are just behind our lines and well within hearing of shellfire from front line.

BRITISH MOVIE TONEWS
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Cameraman: Graham Thompson
Story: King in Italy.
Length: 600 ft.

B.466/D

Roll 1.

Arrival of King with General Alexander at his H.Q.
Several shots of Inspection of H.Q., with the General

Roll 2.

Going over map and talking over forthcoming operations in Italy.

Bestowing Knighthood on General John Harding (Chief of General Staff)

Meeting General Staff Officers A.A.I.

Roll 3.

Arrival of King and party at forward landing ground.

En route to front line North of Arezzo various units of 8th Army (several shots).

Shots C.U. and L.S. cheering British and Indian troops (8th Army).

King halts for moment to watch artillery dual between German and 8th Army troops (in distance) with General McCreery (General Alexander in background).

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Cameraman: Graham Thompson
Story: King in Italy.
Length: 600 ft.
Date: 26.7.44.

B.463/D

King with Gen. Alexander and Gen. Leese.
General Leese is knighted L.S. and M.S.
Several shots on tour of 8th Army - meeting troops elevated M.S. and C.U.
King decorating Capt. Wakeford and Fusilier Frances.

yes

Jefferson followed by march past of a British Division salute taken by King.
Indian troops of an Indian Division (en route).
Inspection of an Indian with Gen. Sir B. Freyberg.
Various shots leaving Indian Division.

Arrival of King at Polish Division met by Gen. Sosnkowski C. in C Polish forces and Lt. Gen. Anders who is Commander 2nd Polish Corps.
March past Poles.

Cameraman: Sgt. Huggett
Story: H.M. the King visits Eighth Army.
Location: Italy.
Length: 185 ft.
Date: 25.7.44.

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H.M. The King, on his first visit to Italy in wartime, has been to see the Eighth Army. Arriving at an Airfield, he has started his tour of the Army area.

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Roll 1.
The King steps from a plane at an airfield.
The King is introduced to several officers.
The King gets into an open Humber toring car.
Just outside the airfield are officers and men of a Division.
The King's car drives away amidst cheering crowds of troops.

Roll 2.
Driving towards the front - The Perugia-Umbertide Road is lined with cheering troops.
As above, but further along the road.

Cameraman: Sgt. Marshall
Story: H.M. The King visits a Corps H.Q.
Location: Italy.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 25.7.44.

A.773/1/2

H.M. King George VI, accompanied by General Leese, and other high ranking officers, visits a Corps H.Q.
(a) The King's Jeep approached H.Q.
(b) Various shots of his arrival and greetings with officers.
He shakes hands and is greeted originally by an Indian Div. Commander.

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Roll 2.
H.M. confers a Knighthood on a Corps Commander. Various shots, self explanatory.

Cameraman: Sgt. Jessiman
Story: The King at 8th Army H.Q.
Location: H.Q. 8th Army.
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 25.7.44.

A.773/1/3

After another day's tour of the Italian battlefield the King arrived with Lt.-Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, G.O.C. 8th Army at H.Q. 8th Army late this evening. Outside the caravan which had been prepared for the King, Lt.-Gen. Sir Oliver Leese pointed out to the King important features in the panorama before them and heights still held by the Germans.

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Roll 2.
L.S. The King and Lt.-Gen. Sir Oliver Leese arrive in an open touring car and pull up in front of the caravan.
M.S. The King talks with 8th Army Staff Officers.
M.S. The King and the General walk to the caravan.
L.S., M.S., C.U. of the General pointing out the different features of the countryside below.
L.S. In the late evening sun view as seen by the King.
L.S. Pan of the countryside.

Cameraman: Lt. Hopkinson
Story: The King in Italy.
Location: Indian Div. H.Q.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 25.7.44.
Formation: Various, Indian Division.

A.773/1/4

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Roll 1.
After inspecting the Indian Division the King, in a Jeep, drove up a mountain jeep-track to H.Q. Corps, high in the hills. The first shot is an extreme L.S. almost at the top of the 3,000 ft. track, shooting down and into the valley. Into distance drives the Jeep, driven by Commander of a Corps, with the King beside him. They drive towards camera. Follows a pan from C.U. to L.S. as the Jeep rounds a hairpin bend and drives away up the next stretch. Finally, a shot of the Jeep on the skyline driving further up still.

Roll 2.
At an Indian Div. mixed British and Indian Troops of all branches lined the road as the King drove slowly by taking the salute standing in the back of a car with General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, First a L.S. down the road, lined with cheering troops, the King driving from L.S. into M.C.U. A pan as the King drives away from camera through cheering troops towards Arezzo in the background.

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Cameraman: Sgt. Courtney
Story: Royal Investiture.
Location: Monte S. Savino
Length: 300 ft.
Date: 26.7.44.

A.773/4/2

The Royal Investiture by His Majesty the King of Capt. R. Wakeford, 728 Fulham Road, S.W.6 and Fusilier Jefferson of 70 Sutherland Avenue, Ulverston, Lancs.

Roll 1.
Guard of Honour form up before the parade.

Roll 2.
Guard of Honour comes to attention on arrival of the King.
King walks up to platform.
King takes salute when National Anthem is played.
King marches across the parade ground to inspect the Guard of Honour.
King accompanied by C.O. inspects the Guard of Honour.
Short shot taken of the King inspecting middle row.

Roll 3.
King pins Victoria Cross on Capt. R. Wakeford.
The King speaks to the Captain after he had received the Victoria Cross.
The King pins the Victoria Cross of Fus. Jefferson.
The King talks to Fus. Jefferson.
The March Past by the Guard of Honour with the King taking the salute.

Cameraman: Sgt. French
Story: Presentation of two V.C.'s by the King.
Location: Monte S. Savino
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 26.7.44.

A.773/4/3

During his visit to the British troops in Italy, the King attended a parade of troops of the 4th British Infantry Division at the town of Monte S. Savino and presented the Victoria Cross to Capt. R. Wakeford and also the Victoria Cross to Fusilier Jefferson.

Roll 1.
M.L.S. The King approaching the town of Monte S. Savino with troops (South Africa) greeting him.
L.S. of the King in his car passing on into town.
M.C.U. of the King leaving his car and being greeted by an officer.
L.S. of the King inspecting the Guard of Honour.
M.C.U. of the inspection.
C.U. of the King presenting the V.C. to Capt., R. Wakeford.
C.U. of the King chatting to one of the troops on parade.
C.U. of the King presenting the V.C. to Fusilier Jefferson.
M.L.S. of the King taking the final salute with Capt R. Wakeford, V.C. and Fusilier Jefferson V.C. standing behind with General Alexander who is now A.D.C. to the King.

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Cameraman: G. Thompson
Story: King in Italy.

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B.461/D

Roll 1.
Arrival near Naples.
Departure from flying field.

Roll 2.
Inspection of Fleet. (several shots L.S. and C.U.)
Arrived on board Cruisers with Admiral Cunningham -
Hewitt and Morse.

Roll 3.
Several shots in L.S., M.S. and C.U. on board Cruiser -
Inspection etc.
Departure and several shots (bomb damage in background)
Inspecting Marines - sailors cheering King.
Departure after inspection with background of Italian homes,
bed covers gaily coloured hung outside windows.

Note: last 40 ft. of roll 2 to follow roll 3.

Roll 4.
King with General Wilson walking up Royal staircase of
Caserta Palace.
Arrival at Gen. Alexander's H.Q. met by Alexander (more
following)

Cameraman: Sgt. French
Story: Front Line Town
Location: Monte Varchi (Central Sector) Italy.
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 20.7.44.

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Infantry Units of the Br. Infantry in the general towards
Florence in the Arezzo - Florence Valley, occupied the town
of Montevarchi, with only slight resistance, but were held
by the enemy only 1,000 yards from the other side of the
town and the enemy frequently shelled the town, thus
causing it to be deserted.

Roll 1.
Pan from name of the town to blown bridge and deserted
main street.
M.S. of wrecked bridge leading into main square of the town.
L.S. of deserted main street of town.
M.C.U. of L/Cpl. Beveridge (R. Sigs.) Sgt. Edgecombe of
Mortar Support Group operating from the doorway of a small
florists shop in main street.
M.S. of destroyed railway bridge just on the edge of
Montevarchi Station and in the centre of the town.

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