

ARMY FILM UNIT
DOPE SHEET

Base 13088

Cameraman: Sgt. Wilson
Story: Captured 105mm guns and wounded German prisoners.
Location: North of Risan
Length: 100 ft.
Date: 21.11.44.
Unit: Field Regt. R.A.

A842/3

When the village of Ledenice was taken by partisans forces supported by 25 pdrs. After being checked by the fitters, one of these guns was fired to test it and later given to the Partisans.

Roll 4.

The two 105 mm guns standing in a field near the 25 pounder gun positions. Checking the sight of one of the guns is the fitter.

L/Bdr. Potter, M.M., 3, Offcommonsides Road, Bootheton, Manchester.

A cable is attached to the barrel of the gun in preparation to test the recoil mechanism of the gun.

A quad hauls at the other end of the cable and the barrel slides back showing the mechanism to be in good order.

The gun is fired.

Another round is fired.

The other gun has been damaged having received a hit from a 25 pounder shell. Inspecting the gun are:

B.S.M. Lomas, Ainsworth House, Beightmet, Bolton, Lancs.

and

Lt. Dawes, 10, Glenwood Road, Westbury-on-Tryone, Bristol.

Cameraman: Sgt. Fox
Location: Tirana
Story: Independence Day in Albania
Length: 350 ft.
Date: 28.11.44.

A843/2

Today 28 of November is Independence Day in Albania. On this occasion it celebrated its liberation too.

The main street was the high light and the usual banners of the Albanian people flew from many windows.

The 1st Corps marched past in many uniforms which were obtained from different prisoners that were captured.

During the first part the B.A.F. Halifaxes dropped leaflets and food for the last time, in a salute to Independence Day.

Tirana the capital is a city divided into two parts; the old Tirana and the new, which was built during the Italian occupation and it was here that the march past took place.

At the Saluting Base many military Missions were present and among them were Russian, Yugoslav, American and British.

First Speaker was Major General Mehmet Shehu, Div. Comd; Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha, O-in-C Armies of National Liberation of Albania spoke later.

The 28 Nov. 32 years ago was the day that Albania was freed from Turkish rule. 80% of the population are of a Mohamedan Faith at the present time.

Roll 1.

The first 20 ft. may be overexposed. General impression of different people with banners, children marching to positions with BAF Halifaxes flying at zero feet. Crowds waving at passing planes.

Roll 2.

This roll contains 50 feet and must be opened in the dark

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for there is no black leader on the end. Band is seen playing near the base and a slow pan to Union Jack and Yugo Slav flags on mast.

Roll 3.

Many shots of officers and civilians speaking to the people and partisans on this day of independence also crowds cheering when they agreed. Also shot of General Mehmet Shehu and Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha.

Roll 4.

This 100 ft. contains various shots of the 1st Corps Partisans marching past the base with shots of officers at Saluting Base. The weather was not too good and there is no slate on any of the rolls.

Cameraman: Sgt. Fox
Location: Tirane
Story: The Town of Tirana
Length: 400 ft.
Date: 1.12.44.

A843/3

The town of Tirana is divided in two, one half is the old city which contains many old ruined buildings which in parts can be compared with villages that we saw in Africa. Mosque are present in many parts of the old city. There is a very high percentage of Mohamidan faith. The other half of the town is ultra modern but unfortunately not completely built. The main street is as wide as 40 ft. which runs from the foot of Ex King Zog's Palace and runs just on the outskirts of the old city. Many large buildings stand with a typical Italian style. In the new buildings many days of hand to hand fighting took place and some still show the scars. Life is now normal and there is plenty of everything. The German had to make a quick retreat so the munipicle buildings and power plants were not destroyed.

Roll 1.

Slate on beginning. G.L.S. of a modern Italian building mcs of the same building with a pan up to the top of the buildings. ls of the unfinished stadium with Albanian troops marching past.

1. Pan shot of the modern suburbs of Tirane. 1.s. of the main street with a funeral passing through.

Roll 2.

Pan shot of Circus Barhcyra with big munipicle buildings in the background. M.S. of the War Memorial in memory of those who fell for their country, it is situated in the circus. M.S. of the town hall. The word Liri at the top of building means liberty in Albania.

Roll 3.

G.S. of a cafe and chairs and tables outside in the main street which now has no name, before it was Zog Street, Old Tirane. M.S. of tank turret set in concrete. Slow pan to ruined mosque. G.L.S. of Market Street with banners waving and people very happy with the celebrations and news that their country has been freed. M. pan shot of a street that has suffered by fighting.

Roll 4.

c.u. of a man repairing a part of his damaged house. Pan shot of people moving furniture over rubble outside the house that is being repaired. Pan shot of many roofs damaged by enemy action. L.S. of sign post Tirane. M.S. of board which informs people that this land is the Property of the U.S. Government. M.S. 3 Partisans standing talking under the sign post Tirane.

Roll 5.

100 feet on Ex King Zog's Palace. The damage done is not great. Two rockets entered the wall and caused a certain amount of interior damage.

l.s. of Palace and grounds.

P.S. from bomb hole to Palace.

m.s. of two rocket holes in the side walls of the Palace.

G.L.S. of Tirane from Palace balcony and a jam was caused at the end of this shot.