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Cameraman's Report

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Cameraman: Jack Cotter.

Date and Location: Saturday, 29th April to May, 1944. Second Escort Group.

Assignment: Royal Navy.

Can 1.

Opening Shots of ships making ready for sea, and at Oil Tanker. (Shots taken from H.M.S. WREN, and also from a Motor Launch).

Names and Pendant Numbers of ships in the Group are as follows:-

H.M.S. STARLING. U 66. Capt. F. J. Walker, C.B., D.S.O., etc.

H.M.S. WREN. U 28. Lt. Com. S.J.R. Woods, R.D., R.N.R.

H.M.S. WILD GOOSE. U 45. Lt. Com. D.E.G. Wemyss, D.S.C., R.N.

H.M.S. MAGPIE. U 82. Lt. Com. R.S. Abram, R.N.

H.M.S. WHIMBREL. U 29. Commander E. Hewitt, R.D., R.N.R.

Escort Aircraft Carrier in company:- H.M.S. TRACKER.

Can 2.

Scene 1. General view showing officers and personnel on bridge of H.M.S. WREN.

Scene 2. Close-ups of: Commanding Officer. Lt. Com. S. R.J. Woods, R.N.R.

First Lieutenant. Lt. P.B. R. Vanneck, R.N.

Asdic Officer. Sub Lt. G. O. Roberts, R.N.

Gunnery Officer. Sub. Lt. J. Brown, R.N.V.R.

Navigating Officer (Pilot) Lt. A.D. Hunt, R.N.R.

Look-outs. A.B. Hetherington

A. B. Dark) both from Lançes.

Signalman. F. Rudkin. from Southgate.

Scene 4. "Action Stations" - Daily Exercise.

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Scene 3. Depth charge crew bring their charges to the 'ready'.

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Scene 2. Low focus shot of H.M.S. STARLING carrying out a similar attack, this time with 22 depth charges (n.b. settings still deep).

Scene 3. Deep barrage attack carried out by H.M.S. WILD GOOSE, STARLING and WREN. (n.b. In this attack 70 depth charges were used, the settings being at 500 and 700 feet deep).

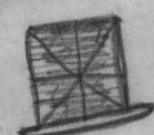
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Scene 1. H.M.S. STARLING makes a shallow depth charge attack. (n.b. 6" lens, poor light).

Scene 2. German prisoners (survivors) from U-boat No. U 473 on board H.M.S. WREN, and being interrogated by the 1st. Lt.

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Can 6.

Scene 1. In wardrobe of H.M.S. WREN when ship's officers "splice the mainbrace". (This privilege granted by Captain Walker, Captain "D" of 2nd Escort Group in H.M.S. STARLING - after sinking by gunfire of U-boat No. U 473.)

Scene 2. Shot of H.M.S. GORE (K 481, Captain's class frigate) sweeping in rough weather.

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Night action with surfaced U-boat.

Can 9.

Depth charges being fired by H.M.S. WREN and H.M.S. STARLING

Note.

Ref. Can 5.

The U 473 was picked up by Asdic at 9.15 a.m., hunted all day and eventually destroyed at 1.30 a.m., the following day by gun-fire when she surfaced through bad air and went ahead at full speed.

Note

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consider it suitable for library

for cut-ins. Admiralty appears to

have released more location stills

character.

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