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Subject: PREPARATIONS FOR COMMANDO ASSAULT ON MYEBON BY CDO AND 19 LANCERS

Cameraman: SGT. J.S. RAYNER Date: 11.1.45 No. of Rolls: 4 Batch No. FUB 57

Formation: COMMANDOS Location: AKYAB Also covered by: SGT. TITMUSS (stills)

ROLL NO. Synopsis. Commandos and tanks of the 19 Lancers and 25 pdrs. of ... Field Regiment R.A. this morning are embarking from AKYAB to assault MYEBON where they will consolidate and concentrate on cutting with Jap L. of C. The entire jetty is a hive of activity with the Commandos in fine fettle, this being their first attack on the Japanese in any force.

- 1 Commandos on the pier waiting to embark and embarking on LCMs. 100 ft.
- 2 The same, and shots of the beach with stores etc. Shots of Commando officers. 100 ft.
- 3 Sherman tanks of 19 Lancers being loaded onto LCT. 100 ft.
- 4 Shot of LCT drawing away from beach. DUKWs coming in and out of water. They are being used to carry stores to the bigger vessels. 100 ft.

Yes

NOTE: About 40 ft. of Roll 2 may be useless, due to bad jam and subsequent edge fog.

Subject: THE LANDING ON MYEBON Cameraman: SGT. J.S. RAYNER

Date: 12.1.45 No. of Rolls: 7 Batch No. FUB 63 Formation: RIN

Location: MYEBON Also Covered By: SGT. BROWN (SEAC FUB)  
" TITMUSS "

ROLL NO. Synopsis. Commandos supported by an air strike and elements of the RIN consisting of sloops and MLs, landed south of MYEBON on the morning of 12th January.

Opposition, artillery fire, mortars, beach mines, and small arms fire was encountered. Aircraft bombed and strafed and sloops fired salvo after salvo from their guns into the Japanese positions, prior to the landings.

The first wave of commandos landed in shallow water, but the second wave found themselves more than waist deep in sand and mud. The first Sherman tank to be disembarked from the LCT was bogged in the mud. Casualties were inflicted on the Commandos and serious cases were operated on, on board a sloop of the Indian Navy.

Yes

- 1, 2 & 3 Shots taken on board an LCM of the sloops firing, the shells and bombs bursting on the land, the southern tip of MYEBON during and after the shelling and air strike. 300 ft.

- 4, 5 & 6 Shots of Commandos leaving LCMs and wading more than waist deep to the shore. Explosions on the beach (either beach mines or heavy mortars) A Sherman tank leaving LCT and sinking into the mud. Commandos embarking into LCMs from a minesweeper. 300 ft.

ROLL NO.

7	Extreme LS of the shelling of a beached LCT by Japanese mortars. Casualties coming on board a sloop of the Indian Navy from an LCT. Shots of hospital ward on board with doctors attending to the wounded.	20 ft. 80 ft.
	<u>Total</u>	700 ft.

Subject: TAKING OF MYEBON Cameraman: J.S. RAYNER Date: 13/14 Jan. 1945.

No. of Rolls: 4 Batch No. FUB 64 Formation: Various Location: MYEBON

ROLL NO.

Sloops of RIN have been shelling Japanese positions continually and it was found that ammunition was getting low on each sloop. At this time this sequence was taken, over 2,000 rounds had been fired by these ships. It was decided to transfer remaining rounds to one sloop in order that the other could return to base to refuel. Owing to the danger of air attack, the switch was effected with utmost speed, and officers of both ships assisted the crew to carry the shells from one sloop to the other.

1	A gangway is placed between the two sloops and the shells are transferred and dumped on the deck.	100 ft.
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Elements of 25 Ind. Div. continued to reinforce the Commandos on EASY BEACH, MYEBON. Mail for the troops was landed also.

2	Troops landing from LCMs onto EASY BEACH. Transport has great difficulty in rounding a point with lumps of rock as a "road".	150 ft.
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3	Mail being sorted by Commandos.	
4	ditto with D.R.N. McNAMEE of GLASGOW (Commando) opening and reading an air letter.	110 ft.

4	Shot of commandos reading their mail. They are leaning up against a small car, the wheels of which have been taken off by a Jap gun.	
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MYEBON with a pariah dog - the only occupant - walking along the road between the ruined basha houses.

Subject: MYEBON Cameraman: J.S. RAYNER Date: 15.1.45 No. of Rolls 2

Batch No. FUB 65 Formation: ... Field Regiment Location: MYEBON

ROLL NO.

Moving 25 pdrs. in the area of MYEBON would prove a difficult task, owing to the rough and hilly terrain, so these guns were left on board the Landing Craft which brought them from AKYAB. The Landing Craft was grounded and when the tide went out she was left high and dry on the sand, and formed a perfectly steady base for the four guns. So far as is known this is the first time the guns have been in action using a Landing Craft as a platform.

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ROLL NO.

- 1      MLSS of the four 25 pdr. guns firing.  
Major J.H.RUSSELL, R.A. Battery Commander of ...Field Regiment  
keeps in touch with Air Op. by wireless.  
MS of a 25 pdr. firing. 100 ft.
  
  - 2      do  
MOUs of a 25 pdr. firing, showing recoil, etc.  
Shells being taken out of ammunition boxes and laid on the  
deck of the Landing Craft.
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