

J/FUB/424 (contd.).

Sir Koith Park visits the guardroom of the Commandos on the border.
Sir Koith Park chats with one of the Commandos.

Camoraman: Sgt. Girling.
Story: Nips on Devils Island.
Date: 23.10.45.
Length: 800 ft.
LOCATION: Rampang Island.

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35 miles from Singapore in the China Sea, is the Island of Rampang. Of an area of 55 sq. miles, the Island consists mainly of thickly wooded and densely jungled slopes, and Mosquito ridden swamps. To this island are going 120,000 Japanese officers and men who surrendered at Singapore. Each morning at first light, Japanese coastal ships, manned by Japanese crews, leave Singapore for their place of exile. Equipped only with shovels, Adzes and tree axes the Japs have to build their own huts after clearing away the jungle. Transported 500 men at a time in one ship, the Japs have landed about 3,000 men in the last three days. The coasters sail in convoys usually consisting of two ships and are superintended by Motor launches under the command of Commander Villiers, D.S.C., R.N.V.R. (The Royal Navy are not escorting the convoys, nor are they helping the Japs ashore). The Aki Maru, a vessel of the Coaster type, stands off the Southern tip of the Island and is the Japanese Naval H.Q. Ship. Already, the Japs have cleared an area of approximately half a square mile of jungle and are pushing out a jetty 50 yards long. The Jetty is being wholly constructed of wood that is felled locally on the Island by the Japs. For Pile-drivers, the Nips have constructed large hammers by nailing four strong wooden arms onto the roughly shaped sides of wooden blocks 18" x 12" made from local timber. One Jap takes each arm of the hammer, and they hoist and lower the 'Pile-driver' to the tune of a Japanese song. Their huts are very crude types and are made from boughs of trees covered with Coconut Fronds and 'tiled' with tiles made from the bark of trees. To obtain the bark, a slit is made in the bark of the selected tree, and a strip about nine inches long is slowly and carefully peeled off. To build a hut, the Japs big a wooden framework over the flag, cover three sides and the roof with Coconut Fronds and then tile the roof with bark. The cuts are rapidly made and will accommodate ten men. The long side facing into the hillside is left open and does duty as door and windows for the hut. Steps cut into the clay of the hillside are reinforced with wooden struts, but are rapidly worn out making the journey up the hill a back breaking task. Two store sheds are built on the shore now, and others are being constructed further inland. This first clearing is on the Northern end of the Island and constitutes their Landing Stage and Warehouse Area. Two miles to the South of the first camp, they are building the main residential camp area to accommodate further troops that arrive.

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Roll 1.

Number board.

- L.S. Approaching Rempang Island from the sea.
- M.S. The Japanese Naval H.Q. Ship AKI MARU standing off the Isle.
- M.S. Rempang Island from the sea.
- L.S. Hill ranges of Rempang Island from the sea.
- MCS. Jungle country typical of Rempang Island.
- MCS. Repeat new angle.
- MCS. Lt. Forester, R.N.V.R., and a Cameraman walking along a jungle track on Rempang Island.
- L.S. Japanese troops on the jetty at the North landing stage on Rempang Island.
- C.U. Jap troops on the jetty.
- MCS. Japanese working party.
- MCS. Jap working party on the jetty.

Roll 2.

Number board.

- MCS. The camp built into hillside.
- MCS. Japs working on huts.
- C.U. Huts with Japs outside.
- C.U. Jap built hut.
- MCS. Japanese clearing the Camp Area of brushwood and trees.
- C.U. Jap soldier.
- C.U. Jap soldier.
- MCS. Huts in the clearing.
- C.U. Cooking pots boiling on cookhouse.
- MCS. Cookhouse (Open bough structure with clay fireplaces).

Roll 3.

Number board.

- MCS. Japs building huts.
- MCS. Huts.
- M.S. Huts in clearing on hillside.
- M.S. Repeat new angle.
- M.S. Dumps and working parties.
- MCS. Working parties.
- M.S. Stores in shed and on beach.
- MCS. Stores of rice in a shed.
- MCS. Medical stores on the beach.
- MCS. Working Party on the jetty.
- MCS. Japs working on the jetty.

Roll 4.

Number board.

- M.S. Japs using home made pile-driver on the end of the jetty.
- MCS. Japs using Pile Driver.
- MCS. Jetty construction.
- C.U. Jap working on jetty preparing wood for building.
- C.U. Jap soldier.
- C.U. Jap soldier.
- C.U. Jap sailor.
- M.S. Approach to beach from jetty.
- M.S. Beach from Jetty.
- L.S. Rempang Island.
- M.S. 50 yards long jetty.

Roll 5.

Number board.

- M.S. H.M.L. No. 907 superintending the days Southbound convoy.
- M.S. C.U. Southbound Japanese coaster (TENKAI MARU).

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Roll 5 (contd.)

M.S. C.U. Two southbound Jap coasters (believed YAEI MARU & HARAFUJI MARU).

C.U. M.S. Same two ships bound for Rempang Island.

M.S. Convoy bound for Rempang Island.

M.S. Northbound coaster heading for Singapore to pick up more troops.

L.S. Jap coaster bound for Singapore.

C.U. Jap coaster (No. 10 HOOEI) bound for Singapore.

In the early hours of the morning before the dawn breaks, 1,000 Japanese prisoners leave their camp at Kluang on Singapore Island to march down to Clifford Pier to embark for Rempang Island. (See sheet one), Guarded by Indian troops of the 2/9 Jats Regt. the Nips arrive at their port of embarkation at 0600 hours each morning. Two coastal tramp steamers manned by Japanese crews are waiting at the dockside and the Japs are marched straight on board. The only kit they are allowed to take is what they can carry in their packs, some of which reach colossal proportions. The journey from Singapore to Rempang Island - uninhabited before the Japs came - takes the ancient coasters 11 to 12 hours.

Roll 6.

Number board.

MCU. Jap troops marching down towards the docks guarded by Indian troops of the 2/9 JATS Regt. preceded by a Jeep with mounted Bren Gun.

MCU. Jap troops marching away from camera to docks.

MCU. Jap troops marching along the dockside.

C.U. Jap troops marching past armed sentry (bayonet in fg)

C.U. Jap troops on the dockside.

Roll 7.

Number Board.

M.S. Jap troops marching onto ship (No. 10 HOOEI)

MCS. Jap troops marching onto ship.

C.U. Jap troops marching onto No. 10 HOOEI bound for Rempang.

MCU. Jap troops crowded on the decks of No. 10 HOOEI.

C.U. Jap troops on the HOOEI.

C.U. M.S. Pan. Jap troops crowded on the decks.

C.U. The coaster No. 10 HOOEI.

C.U. The coaster YAEI MARU.

C.U. Ships nameplate No. 10 HOOEI.

C.U. Ships nameplate YAEI MARU.

Roll 8.

M.S. Coaster YAEI MARU putting out to sea with Japs.

M.S. YAEI MARU at sea.

Number board.

MCS. Jap manned tug coming alongside the No. 10 HOOEI.

M.S. Jap manned tug taking on towing line.

M.S. Jap tug towing No. 10 HOOEI away from docks.

M.S. No. 10 HOOEI being towed out to sea.

M.S. No. 10 HOOEI standing off the docks loaded.

L.S. No. 10 HOOEI en route for Rempang Island.

This finished the story 'NIPS ON DEVILS ISLAND'.