

The Refugee Story in the Punjab - a million people on the move.*Paramt*

Location:- East & West Punjab.

Shots of Sikhs huddled by the roadside in pouring rain.
 Shots of flooded roads.
 Group of intending dacoits being spoken to by an Indian Police ~~Officer~~
 Officer, who caught them just in time before they attacked a
 column of refugees.
 Closer shots of same.
 Shots of Muslim refugees marching along the road between Amritsar
 & Lahore carrying their pitiful bundles & weapons.
 Bridge almost on boundary line showing canal.
 Refugees passing over bridge in transport on their way to safety
 over the bridge. (border).
 Shots of signposts on the Amritsar road.
 Deserted & looted villages showing the desolation of the empty ~~xxxx~~
 streets & the few wandering inhabitants left.
 Refugee train passing flooded areas.
 Shot on airstrip of Lady Mountbatten's ADC riding off on a bike to
 find missing transport.
 Lady Mountbatten riding off in a jeep.
 Lady Mountbatten in refugee camps in Jullunder & Amritsar.
 Shots of refugees crying, also shots of wounded.
 Closer shots of same.
 Pictures from the air of food supplies being dropped to cut-off
 refugees stranded by the banks of the River Ravi unable to cross
 to safety.... plane dropped 5,000 lbs. of chappatties (local food).
 Shots from air of refugees by river bank & trying to cross in boats
 & ferries...almost like beginnings of Dunkirk....both ways.

In the Punjab today....East & West.... the sad tale of the refugees
 goes on... Along roads...flooded with recent rains...along roads
 hot with the sun...from all directions...from Ferozopore, Amritsar,
 Gujranwala, Lahore & Sheikhupura...so they stream along the roads ~~xx~~
 once busy with the healthy traffic of commerce.
 And now...only the tale of at least 1,000,000 D.P. streaming to
 safety...leaving behind them empty streets, tales of loot & arson.
 Over the boundary line wherever they can they pour in both direction
 some with protestation, some on foot, some loaded with trucks & buses
 Ever present in the menace of dacoits & the ambush & the horrible
 death. On one road....to Lyallpur...dacoits were called together
 by a police officer who stopped an ambush by addressing them,
 quoting Islamic Law & telling them to disperse.
 Many of them are stranded by the side of the river in fear & in
 hunger & the Air Force drops food to them. Some try to cross in
 makeshift boats etc.
 Lady Mountbatten at refugee camps listened to awful stories of
 savage butchery & sees for herself evidence of this.
