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4th January, 1952.

DOPE SHEET. (N.R.A.ROTA)

Cameraman: Edmonds.

Subject: Ismailia, Egypt. Footage: 250 ft.

Location: Trouble Spots of Canal Zone.

Order and Description of Shots:

General views of security post manned by 1st Battn.

Royal Lincolnshire Regt.

Closer shots of Gun Pit (Sergt. Badgeshaw in charge).

Name of Bridge, Suez Bridge.

Military Policeman controlling traffic calmly in hottest spot of the Zone. (Egyptian village in background).

Y.M.C.A. Bridge Guard (also 1st Battn. Lincolns)
Ismailia Town overlooking.

Open view of Bridge, Royal Dragoons Armoured car on left.
Lincolns Bren Gun carrier on right, with Egyptians passing by.

STENGUN ALLEY, Guard Post.

These pictures were obtained with strong guard around camera.
As night falls these Gun Posts are subjected to sniping,
and Bomb Throwing from Ismailia Town side.

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Cameraman: Edmonds.

Subject: Presentation of Crest to R.A.F.

Location: El Firdan, Egypt.

Order & Description of Shots:

Close up Crest, signed by the King.
Arrival of Air Commodore on Parade Ground.
Presentation by Commodore to O.C. Station.
Shots of Spectators. Wives on the Station.
March Past. Gen.View and close-up.
Background of the desert.

(First time ceremonial Parade taken here, with
500 men on Parade from all parts of British Isles)

DOPE SHEET (N.R.A.ROTA)

5th Jan., 1952.

Cameraman: Edmonds.

Footage: 380 ft.

Subject: With the Navy at Port Said (2nd visit)

Order and Description of Shots:

On board H.M.Frigate "LOCH SCAVAIG".

Shot of white ensign with Suez Canal in background.

On board. Able Seaman Peter and Barry Conway from Leeds.

Twin brothers serving in Frigate.

Pulling in for fuelling - "Loch Scavaig" beside Tanker

S.S. Black Ranger. Tying up and scene with tanker -

H.M.S. Dieppe, unloading military cars and ambulance,
(2 shots).

(already she unloaded 48,000 bottles of beer, armoured
cars and provisions for troops)

American ship being berthed by Navy.

Long and close shots.

S.S. Orion, homeward bound, in Port Said.

Shot of ship and views around her, travel shot of families
aboard, last to leave Canal Zone.

H.M. Frigate Loch Scavaig going to berth after fuelling.

Anti-thug patrol leaving H.M.S. Gambia. The patrol boat
passing Egyptian fishing boats.

Boarding a suspicious Yacht for questioning (2 shots)

The band of Cheshire Regt. playing to Naval Ratings on
quay, Port Said. (Sunday morning)

At work on the Docks (3rd Battn. Grenadier Guards) unloading
provisions for Services (2 shots)

Army work cranes (R.E. Driver) with Guards unloading.

* Shots of Conference of Port Committee (interior)
consisting of Navy, Army and Air Force.

1) General view of conference table on board H.M.S. Gambia

2) Closer shot of same.

3) Close up (R.A.F. Movements Control left.

(Navy. Capt. of Gambia (Chairman) centre.

(Army. Garrison Commander, right.

4) Close up (ARMY) Port Commandant.

(Some shots in Port Said retakes - better material than 1st
batch of Port Said film)

* Shipping Board by three Services run the Port.

15-552401
ROTA
N.R.A. DOPESHEET

6th Jan., 1952.

Camerman: Edmonds.

Footage: 100 ft.

Subject : Russian Fishing Boats at Port Said.

Order and Description of Shots:

Egyptian crowd watch for arrival of Russian Fishing Fleet.
Various shots of Russian boats moored at Port Said.
(They steamed in at night)

(Note: pictures taken from small boatd - shots a little unsteady because of swell).

THE KING HONORS R.A.F. EL FIRIDAN

Royal Air Force Station El Firdan, in the Suez Canal Zone, where all motor transport of Middle East Air Force Command is repaired, reconditioned and completely overhauled, recently received its Unit Badge signed and approved by His Majesty the King.

The Badge was presented at a parade of officers and men of the station by Air Commodore F.W. Felgate, O.B.E., Air Officer Commanding No. 206 Group, to Wing Commander E.G. Clarke, O.B.E., the station commander. The badge shows a blue pale on a besant indicative of the station's location in the desert of the Suez Canal region. A bee, superimposed upon the background, suggests the hard work involved in keeping transport moving across the desert.

Air Commodore Felgate, on arrival at the parade ground at El Firdan - a R.A.F. fighter station during the 1939-45 war - took a General Salute, then addressed the ^{personnel} station, lined up before him in a hollow square.

"Your badge is designed to show the work which your unit does," he said. "It is indicative of the hard work done by all in keeping motor transport on the roads in M.E.A.F., its apt motto is 'Procure, Prepare, Provide.'

"Yours is not as spectacular a job as some others in the R.A.F.," he continued, "but believe me, it is equally, if not more important than other more spectacular occupations, for without serviceable transport on the roads other branches of the Service could not play their parts in the overall work of the Royal Air Force. You are not simply maintaining R.A.F. transport in the Canal Zone, but in the whole of the Middle East Air Force Command. I am proud to present you with this badge."

The simple ceremony, held on one of the old fighter runways, was impressive if for no other reason than that, despite the tremendous day and night job being done at El Firdan, a job especially vital to the R.A.F. under today's Canal Zone emergency, it was held just as it would have been in normal times, under the R.A.F.'s policy of carrying on as usual, regardless of the trouble.

The parade ended with a march past, headed by the 206 Group band led by Flg. Off. J. Osborne, at which Air Commodore Felgate took the salute. Among the spectators were Mrs. Felgate, Mrs. and Miss Clarke, wife and daughter of the station commander, and Mrs. Currie, wife of Sqn. Ldr. J.B. Currie, M.B.E., D.C.M., of El Firdan.

Take one, Air Commodore Felgate arrives parade ground with wife. Take two, Felgate takes General Salute. Take three, he presents Badge to station commander, Wing Commander E.G. Clarke, O.B.E. Take four, group of spectators at ceremony. Take five, while band of 206 Group R.A.F. plays R.A.F. March, Squadrons of El Firdan march past Felgate.