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Dear Ted,

I have been waiting all this time for this film to arrive back and then I found that the Army Film Unit had held it up at their place 12 miles out of town for 24 hours - however better late than never. I have not yet heard anything from Toner or Turner but as soon as their material turns up I will send it fastest route.

The whole show was a G.M.F.U., and was not helped in any way by monsoon weather.

I expect to receive more material during the day or tomorrow at the latest but the Association will have to decide whether to wait for it or not. The R.A.F. Film Unit and Army Film Unit were there in force so their material should be available.

Noble and Nevill were the first to get into Rangon although it was expected that Toner and Turner would get there at the same time but I have no knowledge that they are yet in Rangon.

Communications etc are non-existent with them at the moment.

Very sincerely yours,

SGND.,.....E.J.M. WRIGHT. *rl*

LANDING ON BEACHES AT RANGOON AND LANDING IN RANGOON

Picking D-day for Rangoon also picked the commencement of the Monsoon. At dawn when we entered the Rangoon River it was pouring with rain and the visibility very poor, our troops of the 15th Corps made a landing at a point about 10 miles from Rangoon where it was learned there were no Japs. The men were re-embarked and the following day a Force again sailed up the River and landed at the Jetties in Rangoon itself. Normally the Monsoon does not break until May 15th, but this year it was exceptionally early and turned the beaches and paddy fields where the troops had to land (the first landing) into veritable quagmires. A great reception was given to the troops by the Burmese, Indian, and Chinese still left in Rangoon. There was not a shot fired by either side for the landing at Rangoon as it was now known the Japs had pulled out. (I only know what has actually happened in my particular area and suggest the story is built up from the various papers in England). There was no resistance therefore no fighting and no dead Japs and up till time of writing this I have seen no troops in the town. The landing was made after 5 p.m. and the light very poor, but had to take so if under-exposed you will know the reason. Expect to see Noble tonight and connecting story with him.

May 3rd, 1945.