

SHIPPING

Until recently, unloading cargo from ships was slow and tedious work. It was moved piece by piece, requiring many instances of broken crates and of pilfered goods. In addition, vital supplies were often times held up, standing goods to stagnation and rotting almost for weeks. With the introduction of the cargo trailers, supplies are now flowing through port facilities at a much faster rate.

The U.S. Navy has two ships operating between China and Hanoi which are capable of handling cargo to shore. One of these is the Coast. Shuttling back and forth between China and Hanoi, the Coast brings needed supplies to the Hanoi ports and returns to China with goods that are in need of repair.

Unloading the cargo trailers from ships proved to be very difficult for ship workers using manual lifting aids, as the area within the ship's hold is very limited. The navy recognized this difficulty and consequently ordered a new brand of trailers called "Walters" to unload cargo trailer ships like the Coast. A Walter is a trailer with individual front and rear wheel steering capabilities, permitting the Walter to maneuver easily in the tight quarters found in the holds of ships. In addition to their individual wheel-steering system, the Walters also possess a hydraulic lift, which enables them to lift the cargo trailers off of the ships without blocks. Without Walters, it would take four two-ton cranes to unload a ship filled with cargo trailers; with them, a ship can be unloaded in 12 hours. Ship movement and supply through has increased significantly because of the Walters.

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Walter's Tractor
Cab

Saigon Port, RVN

Lt Wesson

Sp4 Nash

Sp5 Foulke
Sp4 Molenda

Uthe Recorder

1 Tape
6 Rolls

ASA 16

Bell & Howell Films
BS 591 & 311

1.	1.	Roll 1	Wild Track	IS.	The USS Comet approaching the Saigon Port Facility
2.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	The USS Comet nearing the dock
3.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	The USS Comet nearing the dock
4.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	The Comet is pushed up to the dock by tug boats
5.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	Rear ramp of Comet being lowered
6.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	Rear ramp of Comet being lowered
7.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	Ship officer operating controls as the rear ramp is lowered
8.	1.		Wild Track	IS.	The rear hold of the Comet is Open
1.	1.	Roll 2	Wild Track	MS.	Small boat at Comet receiving line to take to shore
2.	1.		Wild Track	MS.	Man on boat throwing line to pier
3.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Vietnamese man struggling with line
4.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Vietnamese man struggling with line
5.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Supervisor observing the docking of the Comet
6.	1.		Wild Track	MS.	Officer on bow of ship with radio
7.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Vietnamese supervisor blowing his whistle and giving his men instructions
8.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Captain of the Comet on the bridge watching his ship dock
9.	1.		Wild Track	MS.	Line leading to ship's bow
10.	1.		Wild Track	MS.	Line coming off ship into the water
11.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Vietnamese putting the ships line around the pier's piling
1.	1.	Roll 3	Wild Track	MS.	Vietnamese kids swimming in Saigon river
2.	1.		Wild Track	MS.	Rear ramp of Comet coming down
3.	1.		Wild Track	CU.	Rear ramp of Comet coming down
4.	1.		Wild Track	MS.	Rear ramp of Comet coming down

Roll 3 Con.	5.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Trailers lined up on pier by the Coast
	6.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Line of trailers ready to be loaded on Coast
	7.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Walter's tractor pulling trailer out of Coast
	8.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Over head shot as Walter's tractor pulls trailer out of Coast
	9.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Lowering of trailer by the hydraulic lift on Walter's tractor

Roll 4	1.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Over head pan of Cargo trailers
	2.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Over head pan of Cargo trailers
	3.	1.	Wild T. 14.	The Coast and the Cargo trailers
	4.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Tractor pulling cargo trailer away
	5.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Tractor backing up to cargo trailer
	6.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Tractor backing up to cargo trailer
	7.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Driver attaching air hoses to trailer
	8.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Driver attaching air hoses to trailer
	9.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Pan of cargo trailer being pulled away
	10.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Pan of tractor pulling cargo trailer
	11.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Tractor backing up to trailer and connecting tractor to trailer
	12.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Air hoses being attached to trailer

Roll 5	1.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Pan of Walter's tractor pulling trailer off Coast and down onto the docks
	2.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Pan of Walter's tractor pulling trailer to storage area
	3.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Walter's tractor maneuvering inside ship
	4.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Walter's tractor maneuvering inside ship
	5.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Walter's tractor maneuvering inside ship
	6.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Walter's tractor backing under a cargo trailer inside the hold of the Coast
	7.	1.	Wild T. 14.	The rear wheels of the Walter's tractor, as they pull out the cargo trailer
	8.	1.	Wild T. 14.	Walter's tractor pulling trailer out of Coast's rear ramp

Roll 6

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| 1. | 1. | Wild T. HS. | Spl Jose Pagan Operating the steering controls and the gear shift lever on the Walter's tractor |
| 2. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan working |
| 3. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | The next 7 shots maybe underexposed--F/S
Spl Pagan working the controls for steering front and rear wheels of a Walter's cab |
| 4. | 1. | Wild T. HS. | Spl Pagan's face |
| 5. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan working rear steering control while turning sharp corner |
| 6. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan working on the steering controls |
| 7. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan's face |
| 8. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan's face as he moves the Walter's tractor out of the Coast |
| 9. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan working the steering controls |
| 10. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Next Three shots were taken at F/2.8
Spl Pagan working the steering controls |
| 11. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan's face |
| 12. | 1. | Wild T. CU. | Spl Pagan working both rear and front steering controls while making sharp turns with the trailer while in the ship's hold. |