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ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE LABORATORY
INV-1325

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Subject : T.D. Defence.
Unit : Det #5 166th Sig. Photo Co.
Cameraman: Cummings.
Location : Orleans.
Footage : 100'
Date : 17 August 1944.

Note: Slate at 80 ft.
Shots show T.D. of the ~~152~~ T.D. Bn. firing from Orleans across the Loire river. Two shots of ~~152~~ Inf. men checking for ships.

Roll 1

LS, MS, CU.

Shots of T.D. firing and shell landing on bridge where Mark V was dug in. Pvt. Ernest Meadow from Detroit, Mich., is on the glasses. Two shots of Inf. LS and MS.
This is for cutting in if necessary.

INV-1328

Subject : City of Chartres.
Unit : Det II 166th Sig. Photo Co.
Cameraman: T/4 Snowden.
Location : Chartres, France.
Footage : 300'
Date : 18 August 1944.

Roll 1

LS showing city of Chartres and Cathedral of Chartres. In the foreground are tanks and vehicles of the ~~152~~ Armd. Div. resting after the battle with the Germans, who recaptured the city last night. Second scene shows Cathedral of Chartres. ~~152~~ Armd. tank in the foreground. Third scene is of the Cathedral of Chartres.

Roll 2

Group of French resistance forces marching in courtyard of their HQ. Refreshment stand serving French resistance forces. Food served was left behind by the German army in Chartres.

Roll 3

German prisoners captured by French resistance forces, (are being held of questioning.) Scene showing courtyard of French resistance HQ. These French resistance people have done wonderful work in pointing out the German strong points to the Americans. They captured the German prisoners shown in the scenes.

INV-1330

Subject : Arming of the French underground or Le Maquis.
Unit : Det 4 166th Sig. Photo Co.
Cameraman: T/4 Galiendo.
Location : ~~Near Chateaudun, France.~~
Date : 18 August 1944.
Footage : 400'.

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On July 3 & 4, 1944, Our American Air force dropped arms by parachute to the French underground. They are now issuing them to their members to continue their fight for freedom against the "Boche". Their supply of arms vary from English MG's to American BAR's. They also have been able to get hold of some captured German weapons as well as ammunition. The underground has hidden the supplies in hay lofts and they are now organizing into small groups to operate as guerilla fighters. These men are all untrained fighters, but are jumping at the chance to fight back. They are led by former members of the Gendarmerie.

Roll 1

Members of the French underground of the Chateaudun sector, assemble at a farm house near Chateaudun to receive their arms and supplies. The shots show the various types of guns and makeshift uniforms. Their packs contain wine, bread, and ammunition.

Roll 2

Men gather around a barn as the guns and packs are taken out of a hay-loft. Men with a woman leader, ready to march off to an assembly point to receive further orders.

Roll 3

Frenchmen checking over the strange weapons, which they've just received out of the hay-loft.

Roll 4

Men milling around the area with every imaginable type of fighting weapon on their persons. The underground members forming into a group. The organized group marches down a country road.

NINTH AIR FORCE

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Work order: 4 2 9

Capt. Robert S. Mack
 Cpl. Jack Killorin
 Fall of the Citadel.
 A & I

17 Aug 1944

1000 ST. Malo
 France.

The story:

"THE CITADEL". A heavily armed fortification carved out of solid rock at St. Malo, was one of the strongholds of the Germans in France. It had long been a French fort before the Nazi occupation.

After being under attack from the air and from artillery for some time, the stage was set for the push-over of the fortress on Aug. 17, 1944. The German colonel, commanding the fort, had exchanged wounded American prisoners, and they had brought word that the officer would not surrender so long as his men and his brandy held out.

After intensive artillery pounding a P-38 raid by the Ninth air force ~~was scheduled for 1500 hours 17 Aug 44.~~

By radio from 1430 until 1445 hours the Americans warned the Germans that this was their last chance to surrender. At 14440 a white flag appeared and an American lieutenant went out under a white flag to discuss a truce. ~~There was no way to warn off the P-38s schedule to start in five minutes.~~

A truce was affected, ~~and panels, white flags and markers were sent out on the double to try to hold off the planes.~~

The P-38s came in; two groups of 20 each. The first plane in opened up with all guns on the fort, ~~and dropped its incendiary tank (Gasoline and soap emission probably still burning)~~ squarely on the fort causing explosion and fire. The next P-38 saw white flag soared upward circled with out attacking.

Meanwhile the Germans first released seven American prisoners they had in the fort and then the Germans came piling out through a small opening left after the entrance of the fortress had been smashed by artillery fire. There were 640 German officers and men taken. The officers were sent away in jeeps-the men lined up and marched away.

~~There was a delay of about 45 minutes after the truce was effected the German colonel in command said that he would surrender only after having destroyed everything of value in the fort.~~

These scenes were covered by the 4th Combat Camera Unit of the Ninth Air Force-first from a steeple of a church about 1000 yards from the fortress. Bullets were whistling around the steeple as they shot the earliest scenes. After the truce they moved in for the remaining coverage. White flags go up on Garrison-first sign that surrender was imminent. This was respected and a truce party was arranged.

Americans go to truce meeting-Americans went out under white flag to meet officers of the garrison on the hill. It was then they learned that the colonel commanding agreed to surrender ~~as he might have time to destroy military documents, etc.~~

~~When a truce was made, GIs with white flags and signal panels were sent out to try to warn off the P-38s due to attack in a matter of minutes. Scenes show them waving white flags as planes appeared in distance.~~

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Fall of the Citadel.

P-38s came in on garrison and first plane attacks all eight BAR 50s hammering at the fort. ~~The incendiary tank dropped landing squarely on the fort setting it afire.~~ 22 Other P-38s see signals and soom up over garrison with out attacking. Circling and flying off to secondary target.

~~Having no way of knowing that a truce had been made the infantry started its scheduled advance on the garrison. The crept from house to house and door to door expecting fire from the fort at every step.~~

Commanding German colonel's orderly comes out of fort well fortified with brandy. He drunkenly tries to be friendly and starts talking to a man in American fatigues. He immediately is bawled out and good, in precise German. The "GI" he was talking to was a Frenchman resident of St. Malo who had lost a daughter in the war and who had attached himself to the Americans infantrymen just to kill Germans. He was given fatigues and a rifle and had come along as a supernumerary.

German prisoners emerging from small hole left after entrance had been damaged by artillery fire.

American prisoners who had been released from fort talking to German colonel's drunken orderly. The Americans said that while prisoners they had been treated well and that the food given them was equal to that of the German officers. The reiterated the report that the German Colonel had said he would not surrender so long as his men and brandy held out. German prisoners marched away-Close ups German officers and men. French civilians jeer at German prisoners.

Closeup of Mayor of St. Malo (identified by steel French helmet) as prisoners were being assembled for removal.

Two scenes of French civilians in streets talking to American soldiers German officers being taken away in jeeps.

Photographed by Capt. Mack.
P-38s of Ninth Air Force coming over Citadel with first plane straffing ~~and dropping incendiary tank resulting in exploding and fire~~

Prisoners coming from Citadel through small hole opening left after entrance had been damaged by artillery fire.

Long shots of prisoners after surrender.

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PROD. NO. SC1037
Cameraman: Lt. Cooper
Story: Belgium Brigade
Location: ~~Saliencelles~~
Date: Shot: 17 Aug 44.

Length: 200 ft.

Roll 1 (Cooper, roll 63)
LS Camoufage nets are strung across road for cover - through one of these nets we see armd car of Belgium ~~Bde.~~, ready to move along road.
BS Same.
MS Belgium War Correspondent is seen talking to driver.
CU Driver with Belgium flash.
MS Armd car moves along road.
BS Same as above.
MLS Civilians are seen talking to Belgium soldiers outside ~~Saliencelles~~ post office (Tilt)
MS The ~~Bde~~ Major talking to Waréo and Belgium Conducting Officer.

Roll 2 (Cooper, roll 64)
LS 26 25 pounder of the Belgium Arty are seen firing at the Hun.
MS One of the guns fire.
MS Same different angle.
CU Gun bafrel and muzzle as gun fires.
MS Gun Sgt. looks at watch and gives fire orders.
MS Brigadier of Belgium ~~Bde.~~ (no name allowed) lights a cigarette before getting into his Armoured car.
MS ~~Bde.~~ getting into car.
MCU ~~Bde.~~ leaves HQ in Armd car.
MS The first prisoners taken by the Belgiums are seen arriving at Bde. HQ.

Prod. No: SC 1038
Cameraman: Sgt. Petty.
Story: The Troops Enter TRUN
Location: TRUN
Date shot: 18 Aug 44

Length: 300 ft.

We heard on the news cast that we had taken Trun so I went up to investigate as we had heard nothing of it here. Checked and found the tanks had been in the night beofre and had withdraw (P.S.) ~~The were bombed out by our own aircraft.~~ We arrived at the edge of the town just as the infantry were going in to mop up the place. There are a couple of explosion shots, which was the Cdns helping the French people to put out the fires by using German explosives as they hadn't enough of our own with them.

Roll 1 (Petty, roll 31)
LS Tanks going through the street with the town centre in the b.g.
AS Lt. Young of the South Alberta Regt. in charge of the tanks and Lt.Col. (Acting) Crombe of the Lincoln and Welland beside their armoured car.
LS of troops checking shops and houses for snipers.
51 xi inch shot of the same.
CU Soldier covering comrades as they check from house to house.
MS Burning buildings with troops checking from in b.g.

SC 1038 (Cont'd).

Roll 2 (Petty, roll 32)

- CU Shop burning.
- MS Shop burning with troops going up the street.
- LS Town centre.
- LS high angle shot showing memorial stature of last war with smoke and flares in background.
- CU of statue.

Roll 3 (Petty, roll 33)

- MS Showing tanks, statue and burning ruins.
- LS Wxplosion caused by troops blowing up building, to stop fire from spreading.
- MLS of troops working on German demolition which had been captured.
- CU of demolition.
- MS of placing demolition against building.
- Not sure if I got it or not I never had much time)
- A 6" shot lighting fuse.

Prod. No: SC 1039

Cameraman: Weekes

Story: The Maquis The Fighting French of the Interior at Chartres - France.

Location: Chartres France.

Date Shot: 18 Aug. 44.

Length: 400 ft.

At Chartres, the Maquis, or Fighting French of the Interior as they are known among the French people themselves, have done and are doing a magnificent job. Their help has greatly added the American advance. In the Prefecture opposite the ~~Mairie~~ Mairie (Town Hall) where the Germans were only a few days past they have a centre of resistance and keep their arsenal of Jerry weapons as well as those given to them (stems, rifles, etc) and ancient French weapons. Periodically as pockets of Germans are reported in the town area patrol go out and clear out the resistance. Civilian coloborators also pass through this HQ. Sniping is still going on and even 88 mm guns are in the suburbs. The Cathedral Chartres is untouched and remains a thing of beauty overlooking the whole town. It is interesting to note that ~~Swiss~~ Canadian flags are as prevalent as American in the decorations. From the top of the tallest steeple of the Cathedral flies the Union Jack, the American flag and the Tricolor. ~~It is amazing how quickly the people spot we are Canadians and not Americans. Canadian stock went up 100 points in Chartres today.~~

Roll 1 (Weekes, roll 37)

- MS Square before the cathedral, F.F.I. are unhooking an 88mm captured weapons from a carrier, also captured this morning.
- Carrier loaded with Maquis sqings past to get another gun left behind.
- A local starts to return the Coat of Arms of Chartres to its rightful place on the Town Hall.
- CU of the above.

Roll 2 (Weekes, roll 38)

- By the ehlp of two others the Coat of Arms is finally hung.
- Canadian, American, and French flags are mounted over the Arms.
- LS Cathedral from the grilled gate of the Prefecture.
- LS Cathedral from the town centre -- donkey cart passes.
- LS Cathedral only.

SC 1039 (Cont'd)

Roll 3 (Weekes, roll 39)
 Union Jack, American flag and Tricolor on tip of steeple.
 MS Group of Maquis leaving their HQ on patrol.
 MS Same group moves up the road. Note varied dress and arms.
 MS Girl of French Civil Defense mounts motorcycle with Maquis to investigate a call for assistance.

Roll 4 (Weekes, roll 40)
 MS French Red Cross girl chauffeur talking to the Postal Inspector.
 EU Girl only.
 MS Maquis examining Lee-Enfield rifle. (Typical group).
 CU One of the Maquis with German Mauser rifle.

Prod. No. SC 1040 A
 Cameraman: Sgt. Stollery.
 Story: ~~S. Coy Argyll and Sutherland~~ have a field day with Jerry.
 Location: ~~St. Lambert sur Dives.~~
 Date Shot: 19 Aug. 44
 Also covered by: Lt. Grant. Sgt. Millon. Length: 400 ft.

Roll 1 (Stollery, roll 34)
 2 shots of prisoners being brought in by ~~the Regt.~~
 Several shots of a German officer as he drove into our forward lines. He evidently didn't know how far advanced we were and he was so dumb struck that we had him stopped and unarmed before he even knew what it was all about. He came in on a m/c sidecar and there was a heavy vehicle following him. They also were taken prisoners.

Roll 2. (Stollery, roll 35)
 Film and Photo takes more prisoners, with the help of Major D.V. Currie, Moose Jaw, Sask. of the ~~South Alberta~~ Regt. We found this German in this house and Major Currie at Grant and myself took them prisoners. There were several shots the first one as Maj. Currie stood by the building ordering them to come out. The rest were as they kicked open a shuttered window and stepped through it into our hands. Another shot as they grouped in the road, and the last of Major Currie as he marched them away. The balance of the roll was taken of more Germans who we surprised. We saw them coming through an orchard and thought they were surrendering. Evidently they hadn't seen us however, and as soon as we showed ourselves and ordered them to put their hands up they broke and ran. The first shot was as they ran but it is very short as they started to fire on us. We then brought a tank up, and it fired through the orchard, and I shot the trees tracers going in and ricocheting off trees etc.

Roll 3 (Stollery, roll 36)
 An ~~Argyll and Sutherland~~ runs past a burning Sherman tank and ducks into a house for cover.
 3 shots of a burning tiger tank which had just been knocked out by a Piat gun.
 The ~~Argyll~~ run down the street advancing to the corner of another house.

Roll 4 (Stollery, roll 37)
 2 shots of ~~the~~ running down the road, hugging the edges as a Bren

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SC 1040 A , Roll 4 (Cont'd)

Gunner keeps them covered as they go after snipers. An ~~MG~~ fires at a sniper in the bushes up ahead. The balance of the roll was taken as we took more prisoners the majority of whom turned out to be Mongolians of some sort, whom the Germans were using as a ~~at~~ labour battalion.

Note: The rank of the officer captured on the m/c was said to be a Capt. but from another source I was told that he was at least a Col. so I am not sure. The most of these pics were taken under great excitement and some may be a bit unsteady. Hope not. See Lt. Grants. and Sgt. Millon for more details of this show.

Prod. No. ~~212222~~ SC 1040 B
Cameraman: Sgt. Millon
Story: ~~St. Lambert Sur Dives~~
Date Shot: 19 Aug 44

Length: 300 ft.

~~St. Lambert Sur Dives~~ was attacked by ~~"B" Coy of the Argyll and Sutherland~~ early this morning. Capt. I. H. Martin i/c of ~~Argyll Coy~~ Lt. A.J. Dalpe (who was wounded and carried on throughout the day) Lt. Armour, together with 57 men, all through the day, this company has been bringing in prisoners about 1000 to 12000 in all. Pte McAllister E. H. of Hamilton himself accounted for 150 prisoners "B" Coy also captured a Tiger Tank, 3 Half-tracks and a S.P. 88mm gun and one American jeep and 12 other vehicles.

Roll 1 (Millon, roll 47)
Various shots of Nazi prisoners surrendering to ~~Argyll and Suth.~~
LS Capt. Martin, firing down road where Germans refuse to give up.
MS More prisoners coming in. Showing Jerry leading horse and buggy.
Various shots following a patrol to clean up ~~St. Lambert Sur Dives.~~
A number of snipers are still about.

Roll 2 (Millon, roll 48)
About two hundred prisoners, giving themselves up.
MS Pte McAllister, E.H. Hamilton, Ont. in Jerry Jeep, who accounted for at least 150 prisoners.
MS Prisoners arriving on top of horses.

Roll 3 (Millon, roll 49)
MS ~~Pte. Joe H. Hoopes, 39677859, Bois, Idaho of 825 Tank Destroyer Bty 3rd Armour, American was a prisoner who broke away from the Germans, saved by the Argyll and Suth. talking to Capt. I.H. Martin (Toronto) and Major Currie, D.V. Moose Jaw.~~
CU Pte. Joe Hoopes.
MS Argyll and Suth. boys talking to Pte. Joe Hoopes.
MS ~~Jerry prisoner with hand on hip.~~

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FF/EM/Ext I544
20 August 1944

SUBJECT : Raod to Chartres.
UNIT : #5 I66th Sig. Photo Co
CAMERAMAN : Pvt. Raia.
LOCATION : Near Chartres.
FOOTAGE : 100'
DATE : 15 August 1944.

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DESCRIPTION:

ROLL I
Slate. Tiger tank burning after receiving hit from des-
troyer. MS tank burning. CU Tiger tank burning.
Troops moving up to Chartres. Tank destroyers moving up to
Chartres.

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FF/EM/Ext I544
20 August 1944

SUBJECT : Knocked out column of Nazi armoured.
UNIT : Det I I66th Sig. Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : Sgt. M. Harder.
LOCATION : 1 1/2 mls North of St. Aubin d'Apponal, France.
FOOTAGE : 200'
DATE : 14 August 1944.

DESCRIPTION:

Co. C 813 T.D. Bn. of the 79th Inf. Div. with the support
of the 9th Air Force, knock out Nazi armoured column trapped
in pocket 1 1/2 miles North of St. Aubin d'Apponal, France.
Tank destroyer outfit opened fire, and stopped Nazi column
of armoured vehicles. Then Thunderbolts of the 9th Air Force
bombed and strafed to destroy tank

ROLL I

Burning half-track is the result of a direct hit by C. Co.
of the 813 T.D. Examining the wreckage is Capt. Peter Hale
of Pittsburgh Pa, of this outfit and Pvt. Jack Gully of the
314th Inf. Regt. HQ Co. 2nd Bn. from West View, Ia,

ROLL 2 Cont'd:

Robinson C.O. of
the 314th Inf. Regt
from Los Angeles
Cal. These troops
have the Germans
trapped in this
pocket.

ROLL 2

Nazi armoured vehicles are shown burning. A dead Nazi lies
on the ground, after being blown out of his tank. Looking
for credentials on the dead German is Capt. Wayne Hudson of
the 813 T.D. Bn. from Popoka, Kansas.
Looking at the burning German armoured is Col. Warren A.

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ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE INV 1281

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SUBJECT: 70 miles South West of Paris
UNIT: #1 166th Sig Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN: Sgt. R. Meyer
LOCATION: Chartres
Feet: 200
DATE: 16 August 1944.

ROLLS 1 & 2

NOTE: This material covers the entrance of ~~(Major Gen. Sylvester, Comm. Gen. 7th US Armd. Div. 3rd.)~~ US Army into the liberated city of Chartres located approx. 70 miles south west of Paris. Fighting is continuing in sections of the city, mainly snipers. The crowds were extremely jubilant. A few "Dolly shots" were attempted with the vehicle moving slowly as possible. Material that was shot by Lt. Moore will cut in with this material.

ROLL 3

This is the first material submitted by this unit on the above subject. More will follow.

Tanks (M-4 Sherman) of the ~~(31st Armd. Bn. 7th Armd. Div.)~~ are moving towards Paris. The cameraman caught them in a bivouac area just as they are preparing to ~~move~~/move. The action is left to right. They are ~~not~~ planning to by-pass Chartres, a town located approx. 70 miles south west of Paris.

ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE
INV- 1282

SUBJECT: Road to Paris
UNIT: Nr 1, 166th Sig Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN: Lt. Moore
LOCATION: Chartres.
FEET: 300
DATE: 16 Aug 44

Shots of tanks of the ~~(31st Bn. 7th Armd. Div.)~~ leaving for new objective after taking Chartres. NOTE: to tie in with R. Meyers of the same unit.

ROLL 2:

Shots of ~~(Major Gen. Sylvester, 7th Armd Div.)~~ going through the streets of Chartres, just after it was taken. Shots of crowd, etc...

ROLL 3:

Shots of ~~(Major Gen. Sylvester, 7th Armd Div., G. Co.)~~ going through the streets of Chartres. Shots of tanks and crew resting and mixing with people.

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Cameraman: Sgt. Laws (25)
Story: 11th Armd. Div. advance East of Briouze.
Length: 200 ft.
Date: 18.8.44.
Formation: 11th Armd. Div.
Location: East of Briouze.

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For the 2nd day, the 11th Armd. Div. continue their rapid advance through Fiers, ~~near~~ Briouze and on to Argentan. In their stride, they are leaving many wrecked Panther tanks and vehicles and although there are quite a lot of tanks, it is very difficult to show any number at once for obvious reasons. But on roll 1 I have been lucky to get 5 in one frame and on roll 2, there is 1 wrecked Panther and an intact self-propelled gun complete with ammunition. The last shot on roll 2 shows American M.P.'s directing British tanks; this is an ~~odd~~ odd shot to cut in with any Anglo-American material.

Roll 1.

- L.S. Sherman tanks passing wrecked Panther tanks.
- M.S. Wrecked Panther tank.
- C.U. pan. wrecked Panther tank.
- M.S. Sherman passing Panther.
- L.S. British armour passes wrecked German armour (there are three Panthers in this picture.).

Roll 2.

- C.U. German Cross on intact self-propelled gun.
- L.S. British Column passing gun, Panther on right of frame.
- M.S. German self-propelled gun.
- MMS. ditto.
- C.U. Shells stacked inside S.P. guns.
- L.S. Odd shot of British tanks passing American M.P.'s.

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FF/SM/Ext 1544
19 August 1944

SUBJECT : Capture of Chartres.
UNIT : News of The Day.
OPERATION : Bockhorst.
LOCATION : Chartres, France.
FOOTAGE : 600'
DATE : 16 August 1944.

DESCRIPTION: U.S. troops of the 20th Corps move in for the capture of Chartres, France, large city just 46 km from Paris, Chartres famous for the large beautiful cathedral Notre Dame De Chartres. Where band of German resistance snipers control the center of the city by sniping with automatic pistols from the left spire of the cathedral. U.S. troops joined by French resistance boys pour rifle and tommy gun fire on the snipers until they surrender.

ROLL 1

1. LS and CU of tank blown up by mine on the road to Chartres.
2. Combat engineers using mine detectors on the advance.
3. CU of mines located in road.
4. Several shots of the engineers blowing up the road mines.

ROLL 2

5. LS and CU's of huge German RADAR, (air radio location device) on the road to Chartres, damaged by air bombing.

ROLL 3

6. Additional shots of blowing up road mines.
7. Correspondents and local people huddle behind the press jeeps in the square of Chartres as the snipers open up from the cathedral.
8. During a lull-Correspondents and local people take cover from behind press jeeps.

ROLL 4

9. LS and CU of GI's with rifles and tommy guns along with French resistance men using rifles and automatic pistols open up on the snipers in the cathedral spire.

ROLL 5

10. Additional shots of U.S. troops and resistance men firing.
11. People running through streets to escape fire.
12. French collaborator being brought into the Police prefecture by gendarmes at rifle point.
13. Line of shaven headed girls and women accused of consorting with the Germans during the occupation (collaborator in center)---
14. MS of the collaborator.
15. Resistance riflemen and townspeople running past the gates of the prefecture.

ROLL 6

16. Snipers being brought in after surrender, by U.S. troops followed by howling mass of French people.
17. Tilt shot from the spires of the cathedral to the snipers in the street being marched to the prefecture.
18. LS and CU's of the French crowds storming the gates of the local prefecture, at the German prisoners.
19. Shot of three of the snipers in the police yard.
20. Three more snipers brought in, one wearing a Red Cross arm band.
21. LS of the cathedral.
22. One of the priests of the cathedral stands and looks up at the bullet spattered spires.
23. Elevation shot of the Cathedral Notre Dame de Chartres.

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DOWNSHEET
INV-1306

FF/EM/Ext I544
20 August 1944

SUBJECT : Occupation of Orleans.
UNIT : Det 4 IG6th Sig. Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : T/4 Caliendo.
LOCATION : Orleans, France.
FOOTAGE : 200'
DATE : 17 August 1944.

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DESCRIPTION:

Synopsis:

On August 16 1944 at 6.30 pm (1830B) Orleans fell to the Allies as troops moved in. The town was slightly damaged by shell fire. This footage, was taken the following morning after it's occupation by American troops. The city is full of French patriots who are looking for snipers and collaborators. There was some fighting at the edge of the city with T.D.'s firing down the streets at Germans who were left behind for rear guard action. The city was under occasional German shell fire.

ROLL 1

A sniper fired out of a building and wounded an American officer. Infantrymen and French patriots took out after him. Pictures show Frenchmen firing into building and GI running around buildings. The sniper was not found.

ROLL 2

A tank destroyer fires down a street in Orleans. A German M-4 tank was down the road by a bridge and behind a statue. The T.D. was firing on this point. Men with field glasses observe the effects of the firing. Shell burst can be seen down at the end of the road.

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DOWNSHEET
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PF/EM/Ext 1544
19 August 1944

SUBJECT : Life in Le Mans.
UNIT : News of the Day.
OPERATOR : Jack Lieb.
LOCATION : Le Mans.
FOOTAGE : 600'
DATE : 19 August 1944.

- DESCRIPTION:
1. Felix Potin. This is one of the most famous grocery store companies in France, with a great number of markets in Paris. Various shots show women buying cream cheese, IS of shop window name "Felix Potin", shots inside shop, and scenes showing the cutting of coupons from the ration books.
 2. Scenes of side-walk cafe on the Place de la Republique, while American soldiers on the terraco are drinking wine lifting their glasses to other soldiers passing by on trucks tanks etc. Various shots of the terrace itself.
 3. Woman selling the new daily "Le Maine Libre", one American soldier amongst the crowd buying the paper. These French newspapers are all standard size, two pages and being printed while (till liberation) existing papers are being suppressed. The PWD is helping in getting the papers started all over France, the OWI doing it's American share in this organization.
 4. Scene on Place de la Republique, showing a stall where photos of Gen De Gaulle and the cross of Lorraine are being sold to Frenchmen. Great quantities of these photos have been printed and are on sale all over town.
 5. American nurses and an American soldier admiring French wartime dresses in front of a shop. Many of these fashion shops show the old French taste for dress-making, but the quality of the material is far inferior to pre-war standards. Also none of these clothes could be bought without coupons. Dressmakers are confident that France will soon retake it's place as the worlds leading stylists in fashion.
 6. Shot showing a paper sign in window with the word deliverance. In the D a small American flag is painted. In the window can be seen the reflexion of the feet of an American soldier admiring the window and sign.
 7. Two French women with bicycles admiring French shoeshop. While shoes are still being shown in the windows, there are hardly any left for sale. Also the shoes are apparently of good quality, however inspection one discovers that all soles and heels are made of wood. Even dainty looking ladies shoes.
 8. Girl on step of the Palais de Justice, with blouse showing a small French flag and the word France. French men and women are proud to be able once again to wear the flag of France, which had been forbidden during the occupation.
 9. Frenchmen quickly took advantage of the arrival of American troops, some cafes have had put out crudely made signs reading "Bar American".
 10. Several shots of French department store, where souvenirs of the period September 1939- June 1940 are being put on display again. Many of these souvenirs show French and English flags embroidered.
 11. Scene in street showing French and American negro soldiers fraternizing.
 12. Various shots of American trucks, tanks, etc, passing through streets of Le Mans.

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R.A.F. FILM PRODUCTION UNIT.

Ops. F.167.

Footage: ~~100 ft.~~

Date: 13.8.44.

SCHOOL AT EGLETONS.

Attack by Mosquitoes of the Second Tactical Air Force on a school at Egletons (50 miles S.E. Limoges) which was being used as barracks for S.S. Troops. The school was also being besieged by the men of the Maquis.



Ops. 207

Ops. 210

Ops. 211

Target: Attack on Gilze-Rijen Airfield - Holland

Lancasters of Bomber Command make a daylight attack on Night Fighter Station in Holland.



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