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R.A.F. FILM PRODUCTION UNIT.

OPERATION ON HOLLAND BY ALLIED AIRBORNE ARMY.

1. Shots of three types of British aircraft engaged in this operation - Halifax, Stirling and Albemarle - being marshalled in readiness for the Operation.
2. General scenes on the airfields from which the Halifaxes, Stirlings and Albemarles took off just prior to the take-off. These scenes include shots of the airborne regiment and the R.A.F. crews who flew the "tugs". General shots of activity around the aircraft and gliders waiting on the runways.
3. The take-off. Shots showing Halifaxes, Stirlings and Albermarles taking off with their gliders.
4. Various shots of the "tugs" and their gliders en route to the dropping area.
5. The dropping area. Shots of great numbers of gliders on the ground with others touching down - some of these meet with accidents. Shots of parachutes descending in great numbers.

N.B. Conditions of light in the dropping zone were very poor - there was a great ~~much~~ amount of haze and smoke.

- Cpl. Kerntiff - Shooting A/C Halifax.
- Sgt. Till - " " Albemarle.
- Sgt. Davis } " " Stirling.
- Sgt. Orchard } " " Stirling.
- F/Sgt. Buckland } " en route to dropping area and
- F/O Oakley } " in dropping area.
  
- W/O MacNaughton } " en route to and in dropping area.
- Sgt. Heath } " en route to and in dropping area.
  
- F/O Moore " Low-level attack on German barracks near dropping area.

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Subject : Allied Airborne Army Group.  
Unit :  
Cameraman: Wilcox  
Location : ~~Settlesmore~~ Field.  
Footage : 1000  
Date : 18 Sept. 1944

Shots of Glider, take off and in the air towed by --C-47 carrying  
men and equipment ~~of the 92nd Airborne Division~~

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GLIDER OPERATIONS

Reel No. 1543 8th Air Force

First roll British and American airborne units take off in British 'Horsa' and American 'Waco' Gliders towed by British Albanelle planes.

Roll 1 British troops and Americans arrive, and general scenes showing briefing, towing and Glider formations overhead. General shots Gliders taking off. Shots of Fighter formations and Glider formations.

Next roll. British airborne troops lining up, waiting for trucks to take them to Gliders; Americans ditto. British Sailors tie cable to nose of 'Waco'. Men return to get into Gliders. Shots of ~~the~~ ships and crew awaiting their turn to get into Gliders. Gliders being launched

Cameraman: Sgt. Walker  
 Story: ~~1st~~ Airborne Div.  
 Date: 17.9.44.  
 Length: 100 ft.  
 Location: Fairford, Glos.

A.700/160/1

This Div. is going to block the enemy's retreat at Arnhem, Holland by seizing the two bridges there. This is a most important task and will lead to the almost immediate wiping out of his VII sites. The following shots are of the final briefing and of General Urquhart R. D.S.O. and bar, G.O.C. 1st A.D.

Scene 1.  
 m.s. and. c.u. Briefing, various shots including  
 c.u. of town we are landing at.  
 C.u. ~~Major~~ General Urquhart. Various positions.  
 m.S. General talking to Daily Express correspondent Alan Wood and  
 B.B.C. correspondent, Stanley Maynted and Pan to group of men waiting.

Cameraman: Sgt. Lewis  
 Story: Airborne troops at Aerodrome before take off.  
 Date: 17.9.44.  
 Length: 100 ft.  
 Location: Grantham Lines.

A.700/160/5  
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Cameraman: Sgt. Leatherbarrow.  
 Story: Allied Airborne Invasion in N.W. Europe.  
 Date: 17.9.44.  
 Length: 360 ft.  
 Location: Cheal.

A.700/160/6

Allied airborne troops in Dakota troop carriers and gliders today carried out the largest airborne invasion in history over N.W. Europe. The following rolls show the air invasion forces flying over the Belgian town of Cheal en route to their dropping areas in N.W. Europe. Thousands of aircraft took part.

Rolls 1 & 2.  
 Shots of the Dakota troop carriers flying over the town of Cheal, with insert shots of the local people watching them pass over.

Roll 3.  
 Shot 1. A wave of dakotas passes over the church of Cheal.  
 Shot 2. Artillerymen light ~~orange~~ orange smoke canisters on the outskirts of Cheal to guide the aircraft on to their allotted routes.  
 Shot 3. Another shot of the orange smoke canisters burning in the fields outside Cheal with one of our returning troop carriers flying low after being hit by flak.

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A.700/160/6 (Cont'd)

Shot 4. The above Dakota crash lands outside Gheel and as it bursts into flames an ambulance on the spot drives over the fields to render first aid. (The crew jumped clear with only cuts and bruises).

Roll 4.

Shots of the blazing Dakota which landed on top of a German Panther tank.

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ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE LABORATORY  
INV-1908

Subject :  
Unit : 162 Sig Photo Co.  
Cameraman: Cannon  
Location :  
Footage : 600 ft.  
Date : 18 Sept. 1944.

Slate on **First Hundred Feet** only cans will be marked.  
Shot from a, C-47 glider, towing plane. D plus 1  
One shot in the 3rd or 4th roll is of a glider landing in the sea. You can tell it because the reverse direction of the glider as it went by.

Roll 1. Taking off and over England.

Roll 2. Over England.

Roll 3. Over England and the Channel. *water*

Roll 4. Over Channel and Holland.

Roll 5. Holland. *water*

Roll 6. Gliders landing and return shows some new gliders.

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Ops. F.187.

Mosquito attack on German barracks at Arnhem. Attack carried out prior to Allied Airborne attack on Holland on 17.9.44.

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THE TWO ATTACKS REFERRED TO ABOVE WHICH TOOK PLACE JUST PRIOR TO THE GREAT AIRBORNE OPERATION ON HOLLAND WERE PART OF THE GREAT SCHEME OF AIR OPERATIONS ON THIS DAY AND CAN LEGITIMATELY BE LINKED WITH THE FILM TAKEN OF THE LANDINGS BY THE ALLIED AIRBORNE ARMY.

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