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R.A.F. FILM PRODUCTION UNIT.

Ops. 240

Date: 28.10.44.

Footage 400ft.

TITLE COLOGNE GWA MILITARY HQ

Cologne, the worst damaged city in the whole of the Ruhr and Rhineland, was given its heaviest attack of the war by the R.A.F. Bomber Command on the afternoon of October 10th. About 700 Lancasters and Halifax took part in the attack. *28th*

The film, which was exposed from a height of between four and five miles, shows a thick pall of smoke covering the city. Fires started by the attack also can be seen. Bombing and fires are most concentrated in the area around Cologne Railway Station and the vitally important Hohenzollen Bridge.

This attack is one more example of the great tactical operation of Bomber Command in support of our armies.

Ops. F.193

Date: 28.10.44

Footage 200 ft.

MAAS RIVER BRIDGE AT ROERMOND.

2nd T.A.F. Medium bombers scored a success of major importance when they destroyed a large road bridge over the river Maas at Roermond in Holland this morning. The Mitchells and Bostons took full advantage of good weather for which they have been waiting and crews watched at least three bombs strike the center of the bridge, which collapsed. A Chief Betty Officer, navigating a Mitchell of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Squadron said, "I saw flares all over the centre of the bridge which is roughly 25 yards long. As we turned away, the smoke cleared and I saw that one of the spans had toppled into the water". An Australian navigator on his seventh operation said that it was the most clear cut success he had seen. This achievement has eliminated one of the Germans' most important supply routes in East Holland.

Ops. F.194

Date: 28.10.44

Footage: 100 ft.

RIVER BRIDGE AT VENLO.

Mitchells and Bostons also attacked another bridge carrying a road and railway over the river at Venlo. Bombs were seen to fall in the target and destruction was caused in the railway yards.

*260 Bombs
200 Ground
210 Aircraft
660
hr.*

*250 Bombs
2000
440
490
210*

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DOPE SHEET
LIB-278

FF/rd/Ext .1544
28 October 1944

SUBJECT : Aachen By Air.
UNIT : 6, SPX-F.
CAMERAMAN : Jensen.
LOCATION : Aachen.
FOOTAGE : 200 Feet.
DATE : 24 October 1944.

DESCRIPTION :
Roll 1
MS. Of Siegfried Line and where the G.I's broke through and made the fall of Aachen possible.
CU. Of same.
CU. Of pill-box built in top of church, with statues of angels all round it.
MS. Showing whole church.
Roll 2
Showing church, with one time Capital Theater in back ground. Also Aachen Depot which are all knocked to hell.
MS. Of some of the streets showing the destruction, also buildings.
LS. of thw whole of the town of Aachen.
CU. of tops of buildings showing how the bombing was so effective.
Also have some on the ground of the Church, showing destruction in another 100 Feet.

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