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R.A.F. FILM PRODUCTION UNIT.

Ops. 243.

Date: 16.11.14.

Footage: 540 ft.

DUREN.

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Ops. 243.

Date: 16.11.44.

Footage: 150 ft.

Box No. 13012.

DUREN.

On the 16th November, over a thousand heavy bombers of Bomber Command went out in the late afternoon in support of the American armies attacking in the West. They dropped 5,600 tons of bombs on Duren and Julich. This is the first occasion on which Bomber Command has carried out a major attack in direct support of the U.S. Forces.

The attack shown in the film, was on the German town of Duren, which had been converted into a strong point packed with troops. The town can be clearly seen with great palls of smoke rising up to the aircraft carrying the cameras as the bombs go down.

Subsequent reconnaissance shows a concentration of bomb craters almost without parallel in any previous attack by the R.A.F. In the centre of Duren only a few skeletons of buildings remain. The rest is rubble. All roads are impassable.

(An excellent bomb damage reconnaissance still of Duren is available at M.O.I.).

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| 1. Air view Lancaster bombers flying above clouds  | 9            |
| <del>2. Nearer air shot Lancaster bomber flying over clouds</del>  | <del>6</del> |
| 3. <sup>newer Lancaster</sup> TV bomber over clouds  | 7            |
| 4. Air shot <sup>plane underneath &amp;</sup> bombs dropping and exploding on town of Duren and great columns of smoke rising up almost level with height of aircraft. | <u>69</u>    |

AV of plane under - bc 6 camera.

AV shot. Ca 26 camera

total length with title.....97'

& bombs 19/ E. et

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AV Damaged town of Duren, Lancaster  
flies under camera, bombs seen to  
fall, camera follows them and holds  
while dropping & exploding, large  
of smoke rising towards camera.  
(scene is 69ft long.)