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Batch #70 9th Feb 1945
Subject : British troops under command of 1st Canadian Army advance into Reichswald Forest.
Place : Bruk, Germany
Cameraman: Kenneth Gordon (Pathe) 400 ft.

View of country round Reichswald showing British guns firing.
Infantry and transport crossing the River Mass at ~~the~~ to attack
Batches of German prisoners passing down road at Bruk.
Scenes in the captured village of Bruk, showing dead Germans etc.
British troops using German trenches in Bruk. These are the outer defences of Siegfried Line.
British troops clearing the Reichswald
Patrol on road near Bruk
Dead German in Reichswald
Patrol pass burning German farmhouse
Troops advancing down German road in mud.....German sign.
Burning German house



~~It is the first time that...~~

Batch #71 10 Feb 1945
Subject : With British troops advancing into Germany under 1st Canadian Command.
Place : Nutterden-Krannenburg-Wyler
Cameraman: Kenneth Gordon (Pathe)

Some of the 3,000 German prisoners on the march to the cages. Some are glad to get out alive and others are still just Huns. Note the few British troops who act as guards.
Scenes at the Nuttended feature part of the outer defences of the Siegfried Line. The concrete defenses
British troops who captured the line examining captured arms.
On the top, British troops use German trenches overlooking the town of Nuttenden.
British soldiers looking out over the Reichswald Forest.
British infantry going in to attack Cleve.
The abandoned German trenches dug like last war.
British Humber armored car observing near burning German farmhouse.
25 pounder guns
The captured town of Kranenburg showing parts flooded by Germans from Rhein.
Canadian pioneers on road repairs to Kranenburg
The church in captured town of Wyler has an explosion
Our fleet of Buffalos.....a kind of ~~floating tank~~ well armed on patrol in miles of flooded country on our north flank. Pictures show them going out and coming in.

armoured vehicle

These pictures are a continuation of Batch #70

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FF/EM/Ext 1544
12 February 1945

SUBJECT : Air Shots.
UNIT : 16, 166th sig. photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : Graham.
LOCATION : Echternach, Luxemburg.
FOOTAGE : 100 ft.
DATE : 10 February 1945.

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DESCRIPTION: 2 scenes LS. of smoke (ground shot) being released outside of Echternach, Lux. ~~This to cover bridge operations.~~
Next scenes from air of Echternach and Sauer river; of cliff opposite the town occupied by enemy. Scene of planes ~~(2) dropping supplies~~ to the members of the 76th Div. who are across the river and in the Siegfried Lines.
We crashed in landing. Short scene at the end of Lt. Wm. Carson the pilot of ~~the~~ F.A. Bn.
Note: I am aware that this type of stuff is not always successful. May repeat with proper camera in next day or so.
Note #2: The C. of S. of the 76th Div. regrets that we get 16-mm print on all material submit ed on this Div.

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PF/EM/Ext 1544
12 February 1945

SUBJECT : Activity in and Around Echternach, Luxemburg.
UNIT : 10, 166th Sig. Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : Dougell.
LOCATION : Echternach, Lux.
FOOTAGE : 200 ft.
DATE : 10 February 1945.

DESCRIPTION: The above 200 ft. of film were exposed in the town of Luxemburg and show the following scenes.

ROLL 1

The ~~1st~~ Chem. Bn., lays a dense "Fog oil" smokescreen over the town of Echternach, Lux., to cover the movements of the ~~1st~~ Inf. Regt., 76th Div., 3rd Army, movements on the river front. (The river Sure or Sauer, bordering Germany.

ROLL 2

More smokescreen; two infantry files walk through the "oil smoke" enveloping the town of Echternach and head towards the fight at the Sauer (Sure) river front; employing a policy of "fight and run away to fight another day". A Sherman tank makes a hasty exit from the town of Echternach after having thrown a barrage at pill-boxes overlooking the town....

Note: will appreciate Cinephoto Lab. contact.

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PF/EM/Ext 1544
12 February 1945

SUBJECT : Crossing Sauer River.
 UNIT : 6, 166th Sig. Photo Co.
 CAMERAMAN : Sgt. Raia.
 LOCATION : Near Echternach, Luxemburg.
 FOOTAGE : 200 ft.
 DATE : 10 February 1945

DESCRIPTION:

200 ft. on the infantry crossing the river in assault boats, with supplies for the infantry that crossed before dawn. Also shots of German prisoners being brought in. ~~Some were made to unload the~~
 11th Inf. Regt., 5th Inf. Div.

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LIB-2913

FF/Kd/Ext. 1544
12 February 1945

SUBJECT : Bridging The Sauer River.
UNIT : 6, 166th Signal Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : Sawyer.
LOCATION : Sauer River, Luxembourg.
FOOTAGE : 200 feet.
DATE : 10 February 1945.

DESCRIPTION : The enclosed footage shows in part, the difficulties encountered by 5th Infantry Division Engineers in their attempts to bridge the Sauer River, North of Keltersmacht, Luxembourg. A swift, rushing torrent of water plus German shell and machine gun fire, has made this initial crossing attempt, and extremely difficult one. The in-complete bridge in these scenes is the one and only in the 5th Division sector, and stands as the first of many to carry the 5th in their plunge into Germany. The far shore in the river scenes is Germany and the beginning of the Siegfried Line. Enclosed also are scenes showing how an advance aid station huddles close to the huge protective rock formations for protection from enemy shell fire. As they wait on the Luxembourg side of the river for completion of the bridge.

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Cameraman: Sgt. Collins (15)
Story: Entry into Cleve.
Date: 11.2.45.
Length: 380 ft.
Formation: ~~2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders 15 Scottish Div.~~
Location: Cleve, Germany.

A.700/244/1

Advancing from Donsbruggen, infantry of ~~2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders~~ ~~with tank support from ~~2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders~~ Tank Bde.~~ enter Cleve and so completely occupy this German town. Enemy resistance in woods at right of road is overcome by infantry clearing the area.

Roll 1.

A Platoon of C Coy, ~~2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders~~ advances through wood in extended line. Shots of infantry moving amongst trees with G.U. of gunners etc.

Roll 2.

The main infantry column moves towards the town. Shots of men passing burning wreckage, holding captured Swastika flag and of Churchill tanks moving forward.

Roll 3.

Leading section halts at crossroad as enemy resistance is encountered in ~~main~~ Buildings ahead. Advance continues. Note stray white goat which has attached itself to section. To overcome resistance, leading two tanks are called forward and use their machine guns on buildings.

Roll 4.

Churchills advance up street with infantry. Again German fire from buildings but surrender when tanks machine gun. Pictures of prisoners surrendering.

Cameraman : Sgt Haywood (105) Location : Gennep
Story : Gennep captured, Formation : ~~5th Shock-Mortar~~
Infantry making pancakes 51-845
Date : 13.2.45 Length : 400 ft
A.700/244/2 Men of C Coy fighting their way through the streets of Gennep met with rather stiff opposition and much of the action was house to house fighting, prisoners being taken. After having a restless night owing to enemy action, the Tommy managed to have his pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Roll 1.

LS Men leaving doorway of house throwing a smoke bomb to give cover while dashing across road into house on other side.

LS Same platoon knocking in door of house.

LS Throwing open shutters of house after entering.

Roll 2.

MS Infantrymen walking along roadside. MS Prisoners brought in

MS Bren gun being fired through window. MS Same

Roll 3.

Pan Main street of Gennep. LS Street in Gennep with clock tower

MS ~~Bridge put up by B.E. & over River ~~at Gennep~~ MS Same~~

Roll 4.

MS Pouring pancake mixture into pan. CU Batter frying in pan

MS Pte Sonny Barton, Balham S.W.11 cooking pancakes with other infantrymen looking on.

MS Pan Cooking pancakes by Pte Barton, pan down to frying pan.

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NEW PUSH ALONG THE RHINE AND MAAS...

Pictures show Buffalo ~~Tanks~~ being loaded with Bren Carriers--- they take to the water to get this equipment across the flooded country to land which links up with GENNEP (HOLLAND) and so enable it to be cleared up. The small bridge was blown by the Jerries and a Bridge party had to pack up owing to Mortar fire which is seen exploding in the water.

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