

Ops. 257.

Date: 13/14.2.45.

Box. 13304
Footage: 500ft.

AIR/GROUND CO-OPERATION WITH THE RUSSIAN ARMIES ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

On the night of the 13/14th February more than 800 heavy bombers of Bomber Command carried out a double attack on the town of DRESDEN in Eastern Germany. At the time our aircraft attacked, the Russian armies were only 50 miles away ...

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Postage: 5000ft.

ALONGSIDE GO-ORIENTATION WITH THE RUSSIAN ARMIES ON THE EASTERN

The Germans sent up a new kind of scarecrow to frighten our
airmen. This scarecrow bursts in the air and is supposed to
represent an aircraft blowing up after having been hit by flak.
The film shows one of these scarecrows bursting...

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THEATRE "A"
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15 February, 1945

ROLLS # 20,21,22 --Cameraman: S/Sgt. Lipinski, Major Bergholz, Sgt. Thiry, 8th AAF CCU; 880 ft. air shots
SCENES SHOW:
Formations of B17s on way to target and returning from target.
Escorting fighters flying around formations.
Contrails made by the bombers and fighters.
Bombs away and target strikes through the clouds, flak.

ROLLS # 23,24 --Cameraman: Sgt. James Zipperer, 8th AAF CCU; 310 ft. air shots.
SCENES SHOW:
Target of opportunity near Dresden, Ger.
Bombs away and target strikes
Formations of B17s

ROLLS # 25,26 --Cameraman: T/Sgt. Cecil A. Brown, 8th AAF CCU; 200 ft air shots.
SCENES SHOW:
8 - 500 pound bombs dropping on target of opportunity in Dresden
Shots of city before bombs hit
Shots of city as bombs burst
Formations through flak

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