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DOPE SHEET
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FF/je/ ext.1544
5 March 1945

SUBJECT : Sixth Army Group, front, France. Rocket Tank in Action.
UNIT : Paramount News
CAMERAMAN : John Dored
LOCATION : Sixth Army Group, Front, France.
FOOTAGE : 500 ft.
DATE : Feb.28 and Mar.2 1945.

DESCRIPTION: Army specialists call the Rocket Tank a "Weapon of Opportunity", this is because of its terrific fire power equal to sixty pieces of 105 mm. Howitzer gun. Each rocket tank has sixty rocket tubes and each tube is loaded with a rocket. Each rocket can be fired singly or in series or all sixty in succession with about a quarter of a second between each. The rocket fire covers about 34 degrees territory. The maximum effective fire distance is 4500 yds. Due to the rocket tank's value in fire power and to preserve it against enemys artillery fire the rocket tank pulls up at the previously selected target and pulls out immediatly after, not leaving enough time for the enemy to zero in their artillery fire upon it. The rocket tank proceeds then to another pre-selected location.

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- Can no. 1
Fusing rockets brought up by a truck
- Can no. 2
Loading Rocket tubes with rockets. The tubes are mounted
- Can no 3
Rocket Tank all loaded up proceeds to firing location.
- Can no. 4
Firing off the rockets into enemy's position
Rocket tank speeding off towards another pre-selected enemy's position on a night firing mission.
- Can no. 5
AT NIGHT- The Rocket tank fires at the enemy at night all its sixty rockets in rapid sucession and the "show" was over in less than one minute and brings into enemy's lines death and confusion.

(NOTE: develop Can.5 with extreme attention. 65 ft. EXPOSED. end run through camera exposed)

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6 March 1945.

SUBJECT : Rockets.
 UNIT : 163rd Sig. Photo Co.
 CAMERAMAN : Chiappino.
 LOCATION : Eutzendorf area , France.
 FOOTAGE : 600 ft.
 DATE : 3 March 1945.

DESCRIPTION:

ROLL 1

4.5 rocket being fired from launcher on M-4 tank of 7th Army, (6th Corps, 14th Armd., Div., (12th) Tank Bn., Co. "A". Capacity, 60 rockets firing one after another. Two men clean tubes en route after firing.

ROLL 2

Co. "A" (12th) Tank Bn., (14th) Armd. (6th Corps) 7th Army, after firing rockets on enemy town come to area to refill tubes for another mission.

~~Removing duds due to bad electric contacts.~~

Soldering wires back to contact fingers. Wires were removed because of various amount of movement when rockets were discharged. The process being to check each wire.

ROLL 3

Tools used in flying. - wires and fingers and clamps.

Looking directly through tubes.

Elevating tubes work same as regular gun. Same time too.

Men like to call this set up "pipe Organ".

Loading rockets in.

ROLL 4

Various angles of the loading of rockets.

ROLL 5

Contact fingers being put in place.

All loaded rockets- tank moving out.

Peoples reaction to tank with launcher going through town. Had everyone out watching.

ROLL 6

M-4 tank- 4.5 rockets - 60 of them in position to fire at enemy.

Firing three- then rest of them- ~~one failed to take off due to bad contact.~~

Housewives- small girl cleaning street look towards approaching tank- tank passes girl and housewives react suddenly at amazing equipment.

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Note: 10 inch Telephoto used of rockets launched.

Light changed many times. Snow, sunshine cloudy.

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Co. "A" (12th) Tank Bn., (14th) Armd., Div., (6th Corps), 7th Army, supporting (12th) Tank Bn., (14th) Armd., Div., (6th Corps), 7th Army.

(Note: Field Press Censors Cuts in Paren.)