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## ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE LABORATORY

DOPE SHEET

LIB-5139

FP/vld/Ext 1544  
9 April 1945.

SUBJECT : Civilians loot shoe warehouse.  
 UNIT : 166 Sig Photo Co. 3rd Army.  
 CAMERAMAN : Sgt. H. Harder.  
 LOCATION : Wuhlhausen, Germany.  
 FOOTAGE : 200 feet.  
 DATE : 5 April 1945.

### DESCRIPTION:

After the town of Wuhlhausen, Germany was taken by G A A and C. CB. of the sixth Armoured Division yesterday. Civilians of the town of Wuhlhausen, Exslave labor, Russians, Poles, and French broke into the Warehouse and started dragging out the shoes. Fights were caused between the Russians and the Germans. While this mad rush went on, several bloody noses and minor injuries were caused. The people while under the German rule were only allowed one pair of shoes a year, some of them not having shoes in over three years.

#### ROLL 1.

People stretch there hands out for there friends to throw them shoes, they push and shove just to get a pair of shoes. Men, women and children, mill through the crowd.

#### ROLL 2.

Several fights were caused between the people of the different slave nations and the Germans. One women sits by the side of the warehouse, her face covered with blood, as a result of a fight with a Polish women. Several other shots of crowd milling about the warehouse.

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DOPE SHEET  
LIB-5116

FF/AB/Ext. 1544  
8 April 1945

SUBJECT : 14th. Arm. Drive  
UNIT : 163rd. Sig. Photo Co. 7th Army  
CAMERAMAN : Rosenblum  
LOCATION : Gamunden, Germany  
FOOTAGE : 700 ft.  
DATE : 5 April 1945

DESCRIPTION : ROLLS 1 and 2

The town of Gamunden was being attacked by the 14th Arm. Div 16th Corps, artillery, and air power had already hit the village. It was now time for the Inf, to move in. The Germans were putting up a stiff resistance with sniper fire, Bazooka teams and Anti-Tank guns.

Roll 1 shows a runner of Co C 62nd. Arm. Inf Bn, 14th Arm. Div, telling the doughboys who were waiting along the side of the road that the time had come for them to move in. The doughboys moved up to their Half-Tracks, which were situated a little way up the road, mounted them and rode up to the outskirts of Gamunden, which can be seen flaming in the distance.

ROLL 3

They dis-mounted in an open field and sent their Half Tracks back, so they would not be hit by enemy artillery. They waited in the field for orders to move on into the town.

ROLLS 4 to 7

When the orders came thru they moved into the outskirts of the town, which was not occupied by the enemy.

In his retreat the enemy had blown the bridge across the Saale River, a tributary of the Main River. The Germans covered the entrance to the bridge by sniper fire.

The doughboys ran across the street and settled down behind the bridge, which protected them from enemy observation. The Engineers established a boat service, small rubber boats that held six men, in which they ferried the G.I.s to the other side of the River, and to the main part of town. The first Infantrymen captured some Jerries who were promptly ferried back to our side.

C Co., then moved into the main part of town, which was heavily burning. Some snipers were killed and the town which was now really burning.

An old man and his daughter were brought out of the cellar of a burning building, and for some reason or other they were certain that our troops were going to kill them.

The G.I.s brought them to a safe place that these two people thought would be their execution chamber. They kept pleading not to be shot.

After the town was cleared an occasional round from a sniper's gun kept everyone on their toes.

The light was pretty horrible - rainy - late afternoon - and I gave it all the exposure I could.

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LIB-5237

FF/kd/Ext. 1544  
10 April 1945.

SUBJECT : German PW's.  
UNIT : Det 1, 166th Signal Photo Co.  
CAMERAMAN : T/3 R.H. Butterfield.  
LOCATION : Niederaula, Germany.  
FOORAGE : 300 feet.  
DATE : 7 April 1945.

DESCRIPTION : At Niederaula, Germany, is the 3rd Army PW inclosure for prisoners captured by Divisions in the Army in the past drive of the last few days. There are about 2,000 prisoners in this enclosure, and these scenes are of waiting for transportation to the rear.

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DOPE SHEET  
LIB-5244

FP/EM/Ext 1544  
10 April 1945

SUBJECT : Salt Mines.  
UNIT : 10, 166th Sig. Photo Co.  
CAMERAMAN : Snowden.  
LOCATION : Merkers, Germany.  
FOOTAGE : 500 ft.  
DATE : 7 April 1945.

DESCRIPTION:

ROLL 1 to 5

Scenes are of the Merkers salt mines located in Merkers, Germany.

This is one of the largest salt mines in the world, extracting alloy for war use.

There are some 800 workers, slave labour from Russia and other countries, including 210 British soldiers captured in Africa and France five years ago.

Just Tuesday 3 April of this week the 90th Inf., Div., XII Corps, 3rd Army took this town and mine freeing these labourers and British soldiers.

Other scenes show the main shaft. Small group of pillboxes, GI traffic. Russian barracks and the British barracks with barbed wire fence around them.

CU. of British Tommies and a detail carrying bread supplied by our forces for the evening meal.

We were told that during these five years working in this plant (mostly underground).

Red Cross parcels kept them alive as the Germans gave them very little to eat.

They are a happy bunch now.



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DOPE SHEET

LIB 5216

FF/bar/Extn 1544

SUBJECT : "Pockets"  
 UNIT : 165 Sig. Photo. Co.  
 CAMERAMAN : Weiner  
 LOCATION : Schmallenberg, Germany  
 FOOTAGE : 500 ft.  
 DATE : 8 April.

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DESCRIPTION: This is Schmallenberg, Germ one of the towns in the German pocket created by advancing troops of Gne. C. Hodges' First U.S. Army. Under attack by elements of the CCB, the ~~1st~~ Armd. Div. the town was shelled, strafed, and bombed before it fell. Various shots as the town burns from shelling. Arty. comes in. Noting movement of German vehicles and personnel Air support is called for. P47's dive down strafing the town. More fighter-bombers come in and less than 400-500 yards from the camera the drop their bombs. Camera pans bombs down and terrific explosions rock the town. Various shots planes diving, strafing, and bombing. A medium tank fires its 76mm gun at the town, smoke jets from front of tank are machine-guns firing into town. Tracers point out the target as they bounce all over the streets and houses. The town burns after air attack silhouette of a 'dough'- as he watches town. Doughboys run thru the town hunting out the Jerries. Prisoners come in. Shooting along a stone wall as GI's advance on alert for snipers left behind. Two Jerries (officers) are led past burning houses. Various shots of burning American medium tank knocked out during fighting. All personnel pictured here are from Co's A.R.C. ~~1st~~ Armd Inf. Ref. CCB, the ~~1st~~ Armd Div.

Date:

Ops. 277 - 100 ft.

ATTACK ON HAMBURG

On the 9th April 1945, Lancaster of Bomber Command attacked the now very important port of Hamburg. 22,000 lb. and 12,000 lb. bombs were dropped on the U-boat pens, whilst other Lancasters carrying 1,000 pounds attacked the Oil Refinery. The bombing was well concentrated and direct hits were obtained on the U-boat pens, whilst concentrated bombing of the Oil Refinery resulted, in fires with much black smoke. Heavy flak and fighters were encountered and the film shows two Lancaster being shot down.

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Date:

GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

On the road from Langerich to Lüneburg, situated in a large quarry is a receiving dump for German prisoners of war, where they stay until there is sufficient transport available to take them back to the camps.

The German civilians of Langerich bring food to supplement the rations we allow the prisoners, which is fairly small, owing to the colossal number captured.

Various shots of these prisoners, some of whom are as young as the boys in the A.T.C.

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RUSS DAMAGE

RUSSIA - HAMBURG. (JR.76).

The widely dispersed districts of Duisburg and Esborn - Rhine-side Ruhr town in Germany, served the Reich by their immense industries of steel and synthetic oil production, besides possessing the largest inland docks in Germany - served by the River Rhine into the River Ruhr where important towns such as Essen benefited by their usefulness.

Two of the largest and most important targets of the R.A.F. are central in Esborn. The great August Thyssen steel works at Bruckhausen and the sterfrade Hiltner Synthetic Oil plant outside Hamm. A little to the east of the sterfrade plant was an important but smaller factory. These three works have been completely destroyed.

The Thyssen Steel Works.

Situated in a bend of the Rhine, these great steel works were surrounded

Sterfrade ~~Hiltner~~  
Neumühl

by tall chimneys. The severe damage to the mechanism which fed coal continuously to the giant blast furnaces and the devastation to the adjoining workshops can be observed.

WIDE DAMAGE BELT - RUHR.

The Sterfrade Nylon Synthetic Oil Plant.

This vast plant had been a special target of Bomber Command. The coverage shows the great damage caused to the gigantic refining apparatus and to some oil storage plants.

Small Synthetic Oil Plant.

This was situated east of the Sterfrade works alongside a small marshalling yard. There is the usual devastation caused to the refining and cracking plants and to tracks and rolling stock.

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RUHRING Docks AREA.

Across the Rhine at the foot of the destroyed Rheine bridge lies the inland docks. Eight main docks served many great rail heads serving the heart of the Industrial Ruhr. Each Hafen had its own rail yard and goods arriving by barge were unloaded by large gantries and taken by rail to the centre of the Ruhr.

The enemy had obviously cleared the important supply docks after each raid, but barges and tugs that have sunk can be seen in the water.

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RUHR

General bomb damage including the famous "Trappe" works, which covered an area of 3,600 x 1,500 yards. The massive buildings are now hollow shells. Power plants, stocks, machinery; all have been wiped out and the complicated railway system which connected each separate factory had been cut and made completely.

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HANNOVER - AIRRAID

The 11th April brought about the capture of Hannover, another triumph for the R.A.F.'s air war against Germany. The centre of the town is a shell of its original state, residential buildings and shops having been gutted. In the great rail centre east of the river massive buildings including the rail depot have been smashed and destroyed.

Various shots include:-

Damage to civilian buildings,  
Rail centre and marshalling yards.

To the west side of the river is the industrial area, separated into two main parts to the south west. There the factories are laid out in groups, the two largest being the Linwood works, and the Sorting Machine Tool Company, which have suffered greatly from R.A.F. raids.

### The Wessex Canal.

The Wessex Canal joins the Portsmouth Canal, at a junction between the two towns of Rhine and Ibbeston near the village of Grovesherst the two water transport ways meet, and it is at this point above the elbow of the Wessex that heavy raids have cut the canal channel beyond repair. Shots include the filled in bed of the water way.



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Newsreels  
Gaumont British News

Cameraman: H.J. Morley #32                      200 ft.

Bomb damage at Essen - Krupp's Works

Statue of Krupp in bomb crater

Various shots of Krupps works ( Guns )

Also general views of Factory site

Paramount

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DOPE SHEET  
LIB-5391

FM/EM/Ext 1544  
13 April 1945

SUBJECT : Baron Von Papen at 9th Army.  
UNIT : Det #3, Special Coverage.  
CAMERAMAN : Albertson and Jensen-- Capt, McEdwards, OIC.  
LOCATION : Haltern, Germany.  
FOOTAGE : 500 ft.  
DATE : 11 April 1945.

DESCRIPTION: The night of 10 April, Baron Franz von Papen, accompanied by his son, Franz von Papen II, and his son-in-law, Max von Stockhausen, were brought to 9th Army HQ under military guard from Soest, Germany (see 200 ft coverage shot by Wylie, Unit 92, 168th Sig. Photo Co., attached to 96th Div.) The accompanying footage shows Lt. Gen. Wm. H. Simpson's car stopping at the Gen'l Staff Quarters where Baron Von Papen is being held for interviewing. Gen. Simpson, C.G. 9th Army, accompanied by Maj. Gen. John B. Anderson, C.G. XVI Corps, enter the quarters with two Aides, and later are shown leaving. Then Baron Von Papen, his son-in-law, and son, leave the house escorted by Maj. Clarence Dodge, Jr., and an M.P. guard and cross the street to a waiting C and R car. The group is shown arriving at the house where the Baron has been quartered, and there are scenes in the garden behind the house with the Baron and his son, and son-in-law seated. The son is on the Baron's right and next to him is Von Stockhausen. The officer escort and MP guards stand in the background; Maj. Clarence Dodge, Jr., F.A. HQ 9th Army from Washington, D.C.; 1st Lt. James E. Watson, Palace guard, 9th Army, Co, A, 795th MP., Bn., from Sherrill, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Timothy J. O'Neill same unit, N.Y.C.; Pfc. Carmen de Phillipis, same unit, Worcester, Mass.

ROLL 1 - Jensen - 400 ft.  
Eyemo on tripod. LS, MS & CU's of the above action.  
ROLL 1 - Albertson - 100 ft.  
Hand-held Eyemo. CU's in front of the General Staff Quarters to intercut with Jensen's camera.

R.A.F. FILM PRODUCTION UNIT.

With reference to the Dope Sheets of the R.A.F. material issued yesterday, will you please note the following corrections:-

CB.460. Sterfrade Holton(1) should read:  
STERKRADE HOLTEN.

CB.462. Engwesser Canal should read:  
EMSWESER CANAL.

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Air Ministry.  
13.4.45.

Mr. Stockwell: