

ARMY FILM UNIT

Cameraman: Sgt. Gee.
 Story : Guards Armoured Division advances.
 Date: : 13.4.45.
 Length : 100 feet.
 Location : Quakenbruck and Lusche.

A.700/299/4

In spite of fierce pockets of resistance, the Guards Armoured Brigade advances along the German roads towards Bremen. Small groups of the enemy armed with Anti-tank weapons were particularly stubborn and many billage houses were burning before the Germans could be dislodged.

LS A battery of SP (Priest) guns of the Guards Armoured Brigade open fire on the enemy in the fields around Quakenbruck.

LS & MS. The column moves through the blazing village of Lusche near Bakum as the 1st and 5th Coldstreams push on towards Bremen.

Cameraman: Sgt. Whitaker.
 Story : Machine guns in action & captured AA guns.
 Date : 13.4.45.
 Length : 200 feet.
 Formation: 53rd (W) Division.
 Location : Rethen.

A.700/299/5

Rethen, over the Weser, was taken last night after furious fighting by the Monmouths. Men of the Manchester Regt., were firing Vickers heavy machine-guns over the River Aller to support the troops crossing the River at Rehhen. German Marines had held the town very stubbornly so that it was bombed and shelled to rubble. On the railway line in the town were four AA guns which were captured intact. Round the barrels of the guns were white rings showing how many planes they were supposed to have shot down. The total for the four guns was 24.

M.S. Of a gun crew firing the Vickers.
 Various shots of the gun from different angles and close-ups of the gun, etc.

L.S. of the guns firing.

L.S. of the AA guns that were captured.

C.U. ditto.

C.U. of rings around the gun barrel showing 4 American and 2 British.

M.S. of guns.

Cameraman: Sgt. Ginger.
 Story : Evacuation by air of displaced persons.
 Date : 15.4.45.
 Length : 200 feet.
 Location : Rheine, Germany.

A.700/299/7.

Several thousand of Displaced Persons, foreign workers and ex-prisoners of war have been sent back from Germany by road but today was the first time any have been evacuated by air. About 1000 were flown from the air-port at Rheine, in Germany, back to Brussels, in Dakota Aircraft.

L.S. of ex-prisoners of war watching the planes taxi in.

L.S. ditto walking to the waiting aircraft.

Shots boarding the planes.

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A.700/299/7 (Cont'd)

- M.S. of Frenchman with his wife and baby.**
- C.U. of wife and child.**
- M.S. R.A.F. officer chatting to group.**
- Shot of French-Canadian airman chatting to ex-POWs.**
- M.S. of baby being handed in to plane followed by perambulator.**
- C.U. of smiling Frenchman.**
- C.U. of French officer.**
- M.S. Three French Colonels.**
- L.S. Plane taxiing to take off.**

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ARTY FILM UNIT - DOPE SHEET

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Cameraman : Sgt Chitham (103)
 Story : British and Allied prisoners of war released at Stalag 357
 Date : 16.4.45
 Length : 600 ft.
 Formation : 7th Armd Div, 12 Corps
 Location : Fallingbommel, Germany.

A.700/301/X The 7th Armd Div in their drive forward past the River Aller have liberated a large number of prisoners of war of all nationalities including over 650 British. The camp held over 9,000 men, but 7,000 were marched away 4 days before the liberating troops reached 15 miles from Bremen, but only 650 British were brought back to the camp when the German guards realized the hopelessness of their position. The men were almost dazed at their release and every time a camera was seen they could not be kept out of the picture. This accounts for a number of shots looking like "family groups".

Roll 1.

L.S. Prisoners watching the clouds of dust from the liberating troops' tanks as they pass by.
 U.S. Men from London, New York, New Zealand, Scotland, Canada and South Africa after 5 years in prison.
 C.U. The first P.O.W. to be taken in this war. He is W/O George Booth of 27 Stanhope St, Horsforth Leeds who crashed at Wilhelmshaven on 4th Sept. 1939.

Roll 2.

U.S. Men from New Zealand who were captured at Tobruk.
 C.U. This is the ration of food for 2 men for 24 hours.
 U.S. A patent machine, known in the camp as a "blower" for heating food owing to the shortage of fuel.
 U.S. A group of men captured at Arnhem.

Roll 3.

U.S. Pan. "Shanty Town"-this is part of the camp that has been built by the men from scraps of material owing to the camp proper being completely lice-ridden.
 U.S. This miner from Wales was completely at home in his dug-out.
 C.U. Even though liberated, cooking still goes on.

Roll 4.

U.S. He's going home soon so the boys help him to bathe. Malcolm McVane, 376 Young street, Winnipeg, Canada.
 C.U. The only 3 Cypriots in the camp captured in Egypt, July '42.
 U.S. The 2 oldest and the youngest in the camp: Sgt Van Blerck of So. Africa, aged 52 and Cpl P.A. Ventor of Cape Town, also 52 looking after W/O Detrice, a British airman from Lancaster, aged 18.

Roll 5.

L.S. The tables turned. The liberated P.O.W.s watch their ex-German guards through the barbed wire being marched into captivity.
 U.S. The camp pool board is altered by jubilant soldiers.

Roll 6.

L.S. The entrance to the camp with the former Camp Commandant (German) and his Quartermaster standing under the flags of the Allied countries.
 U.S. Men of K.O.S.B. who helped in the liberation seem more bewildered than the ex-P.O.W.'s.
 C.U. This airman seemed very pleased to get hold of a good British rifle after 5 years in prison.

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DOPE SHEET
LIB-5539

FF/vld/Ext 1544
16 April 1945.

SUBJECT : 89th Task Force.
UNIT : 166 Sig Photo Co. 3rd Army.
CAMERAMAN : T/4 B.J.Caliendo.
LOCATION : South of Jena Germany.
FOOTAGE : 650 feet.
DATE : 12 April 1945.

DESCRIPTION: This coverage contains material shot while driving, with an 89th Div. task force, which consisted of a Bn. of Inf, with tank and T.D.support. The force in about an eight hour drive covered about thirty miles, deeper into Germany. ROLL 1 & 2 In the town of Bad Berka the force captured 184 Hungarian soldiers, and marched them down the streets. Various angles of the Hungarian soldiers, in their own uniforms. A shot of one of their officers leaning on a wall worrying. Last shot of a lady with a baby and pram to her husband sitting on the wall. He was captain of the troop of Hungarians. ROLL 2 to 7. Civilians comes out waving a white flag and tells G.I. there are only ten Jerrys in town. Troops clear town and freshly dead Jerry lays on the corner. In the town of Blankenheim Germany. A few round are shot into a small village, and start it burning. Tanks roll around and into burning village. Tanks fire machine guns and cannon into a barn, where a machine gun nest is hidden.

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CAMERAMAN KENNETH GORDON

LOCATION

NEAR FALLING BOSTEL

SUBJECT

WE LIBERATE BRITISH PRISONERS AT STALAG XI B

April, 16th, 1945.

Units of 7th Armoured Division fight to capture Falling Bostel near which is Stalag XI B. Scenes of the town burning and our tanks covering it.

German S.S. troops captured being marched out of town. In the town burning German house and crying women being removed.

Boy soldier in S.S. being captured beside tank where he was hiding. Heavy British machine gun in action against German troops in town.

Recco troops of ~~5th Hussars~~ who liberated the camp receiving welcome from POWs. Our liberated prisoners pass the German guards who are no prisoners. C/U the German camp Commandant.

Our boys give us a great welcome as the gates swing open to liberty. The boys crowd round and cheer, some have been POWs for over 5 years, also include Arnhem Boys. C/U those holding up 5 fingers have been captives over 5 years.

Group of R.A.F. who have been liberated. Three men by fire (R.A.F.) W.O. Roussel, Canada, W.O. Guyett, D.F.M. Richmond, Surrey, W.O. Wiles. Group of Canadian Airmen.

Two Australians looking through wire. Group of our boys cheering, among had marched from Pomerania, 600 Kilometres. They started Feb. 5th reached stalag XI B on March 29th, many dying on Road.

"Yorkey" Walter Hague, Durham Light Infantry, Sheffield cooking with a blower made in camp. ~~This is how the camp kept in touch with the outside world wireless made by Corp. James Irvine of Liverpool, N.C. Singala, prisoner for 5 years 1 month holding earphones and Pte. Harold Skinner, East Surreys who had been a prisoner for 5 years.~~

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ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE LABORATORY
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Subject : Civilian Turn in
Unit : 913, 168 Sig Ph Co.
Location: Stendal, Germany
Cameraman : Bettcher
Footage : 440
Date : 15 April 1945

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~~Stendal~~, IX Army. At the end of the drive to the Elbe river by CEA of 5th Armored Div. the town of Stendal, formally surrendered to the Americans, the morning of Friday, April 13, 1945. The town was given notice to bring all ~~milit~~ military equipment, uniforms, flags, weapons etc to the market square that afternoon. The place became jammed with people and piles of equipment began to form. The film shot shows what went on in the square. Roll #4 shows the civilians reading the notice put up in the square by the US Army, to the effect that the Nazi party is dissolved. Roll #5 shows MPs looking at US colt 45 that was turned in.

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FF/via/Ext 1544
17 April 1945.

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SUBJECT : Salt Mine.
UNIT : 166 Sig Photo Co.
CAMERA/MAN : Curry.
LOCATION : Merkers, Germany.
FOOTAGE : 900 feet.
DATE : 15 April 1945.

DESCRIPTION: Int. CU and ins were shot on orders from 3rd U.S. Army Photo. This is the second coverage shot on this, the first by Sgt. Snowden 100 S.P.C. on the 8 April 1945. The Request was that CU of Gold, silver and art treasures be made. It was impossible to shot any thing that was not open, such as gold coins in sealed bags etc. NOTE to Lab.-each roll should be tested. CU, ints were shot at f2.8 24FPS ins f5.6 24 FPS on DP3 rated at 80: int, 100: Ext. ROLL 1 to 6 CU & INS. Of Gold bags ins of Gold bar CU of suitcases belonging to SS troops filled with silver articles, spoons, cases, watch bands. This was looted from opposers of the Nazi SS. CU & INS of Cardboard boxes of Reich bank notes INS of Notes-as the boxes were sealed other Reich Bank notes were used in III. CU's of Paintings, by Edward Manet "Winter Garden 1899" Again the most valuable stuff was crated and not Photable. CU of Etchings by Durer Famous German printer. ~~The removal of the Gold taken from the vault 1200' underground. The Gold was loaded into jeep trailers boxed through the tunnels to the Lift trailer detached pushed on -unloaded at the top and the bars were reloaded onto high speed truck trailers. Scenes of loading and trucks pull out by T.D's that guard the mine. NOTE in every scene the amount of Guards present at gate Col Bernard Boratzen chief financial advisor to Shaefer and Lt Col Laison as they pass through heavily guarded gate. General EXT L.S. of mine (2 takes) angles of lift tower. This whole operation was in command of Col. P. Boratzen Shaefer. The mine was guarded by men from 587 Regt 30 Inf Div. Left officer in charge was Col. Laison.~~

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FP/JA/ext 1544
16 th April 1945

SUBJECT : Fall of Schweinfurt
UNIT : Paramount News
CAMERAMAN : Lewis S. Cass
LOCATION : Schweinfurt
FOOTAGE : 500
DATE : 12 th April 1945
DESCRIPTION :

Roll 1 A German soldier who wanted to surrender and was hanged by German SS troops..... Several scenes of ball-bearing factories destroyed by bombing and shelling.
Roll 2 Scenes of officers inspecting factories..Some of the ball bearings.
Roll 3 Box cars burning, that were loaded with ball bearings....LS of factory area
Roll 4 Officials checking civilians in Schweinfurt, to look for known Nazi's.....Close up of types
Roll 5 German boys aged 16 to 18 who were captured, they were operating machine guns and rifles in the Schweinfurt area....Close up of types
Background Material on Schweinfurt Once the center of Germany's ball bearing industry, manufacturing vital parts for aircraft, submarines, tanks etc....Was attacked ten times by the US Airforce and RAF from August 1943 to Oct. 1944. A total of 13,567,460 pounds of bombs was aimed at Military targets in the area. One of the greatest air battles of the war was fought from the coast to this target and back...60 of the bombers failed to return. The 8th AF lost more planes here than on any other target

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FF/kd/Ext.1544
16 April 1945.

SUBJECT : 6th Armored Division Drive - Liberated British Prisoners.
UNIT : HQ 1, 166th Signal Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : T/3 R. Meyer.
LOCATION : Bad Salsa, Near Naunberg, Germany.
FOOTAGE : 90 feet.
DATE : 11 April 1945.

DESCRIPTION : NOTE: This is additional coverage on the above subject. More will follow.

STORY RESUME

CCB, 6th Armored Division is driving due east. In the town of Bad Salsa on the road to Naunberg, Germany, the armor came across a camp of approx. 2,000 British POW's who were left un-guarded by the Nazis. Most of the men, many from the Dominions, were prisoners for over five years. First two shots are of men cheering tanks as they pass their stockade. Other shots are of prisoners on side of road cheering and waving to passing Yanks.

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MF/ja/ext 1544
16 th April 1945

SUBJECT : 9th Army Capturing Brunswick
UNIT : Universal Newsreel
CAMERAMAN : Raymond Mejat
LOCATION : Brunswick
FOOTAGE : 300
DATE : 11 April 1945
DESCRIPTION : 30th Div. of the 9th Army Captured Brunswick

This evening at 7pm. men of the 30th Div. attacked Brunswick, in the early stages of the attack one of the patrol-rols were wounded and one of my pictures shows the wounded man being attended by medics, in the background, tanks can be seen making the attack on the town. Brig Gen. William K Harrison, asst. Div. Comm. of the 30th Div. ~~always goes~~ into battle with his front line troops and I have taken some pictures of him talking to Capt. John H. Kent of Birmingham Alabama, who was just wounded in the ear by a sniper. There is also a picture of the first German prisoners running past the Gen. There is also a picture of machine guns firing into the town from a window, while in the foreground men of the 117th ~~Div~~ take shelter from German machine gun fire. Tanks and 117 th Inf. enter Brunswick the tanks can be seen firing as they go. (these pictures were taken in very bad light, as late as 8.30 so please watch out for this)

NOTE: as you know my camera has been out of order for 5 days, the winding spring has broken, and I can only take 5 metres at one time so you will realise the handicap under which I am working.***

German Commanding General of Brunswick captured. Maj. Gen. Carl Veith who was in command of the German troops in the Brunswick area was captured during the night when he was about to leave the city. He had previously asked for a parley with Maj. Gen Leland S. Hobbs when he suggested withdrawing his troops from the city and declaring it an open town. Maj. Gen Hobbs, CG of the 30th Div. said he had not come toicker but to demand an unconditional surrender. after this the battle began and the German General was captured. Pictures show the two Generals leaving ~~Gen Hobbs~~ this morning.... then close up of the two together and the last scene is when they salute each other. The German gives a Nazi salute and General Hobbs returns the salute

British Officers liberated in largest Officers Camp in Germany, 2,200 British officers were liberated at Oflag 79 in Brunswick today. Gen view of the prison camp showing British officers still behind barbed wire, Various close ups of men of the RAF, Canadians, Indians etc. Great excitement when Americans distributed cigarettes to the British officers.

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17/4/45.

CAMERAMAN..... Ian Struthers.....	SOUNDMAN.....
STORY COVERED:..... Stalag XI B	LENGTH EXPOSED..... 600ft
PLACE OF EVENT:..... Fallingsbostal	HOW SHIPPED.....
STOCK USED..... Super. XX.	EMULSION No.....
	COVERED BY..... BRITISH PARAMOUNT NEWS

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SCENE NUMBER	COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES	FOOTAGE IND.	CAMERA SPEED	LIGHT COND.	LENS USED
1.	Scenes taken at the liberated Prisoner of war camp, Stalag XI B at Fallingsbostal in Westphalia. The camp was liberated by the 7th Armoured Division (The Deserts Rats). There were 6500 men in the camp; it is not a camp for Officers..				
2.	In the first roll the men are handing out the bread ration. This has now gone up. One loaf was for 7 men for a day, it is of a grey colour. In the group are men of the following nationalities; British American, French, Italians, Belgians, Dutch, Russian, Australian, Indian, Poles, Serbs, Yougoslaves, Czecs, New-Zealanders & South Africans.				
3.	In the tents which is part of the Hospital there are men who had marched 500 miles from Silesia. 25 out of a batch of 600 died of exhaustion after their arrival. There were 300 who were suffering from malnutrition. 4100 did the march, which took between 45 and 55 days. 21 were buried in the first two days after their arrival..				
4.	Some had to pull down the walls of the hut to make fire-wood. Scenes show the primitive cooking apparatus, known as blowers.				
5.	The man being helped to walk is getting over a paralyzed foot caused through being shut up in a cattle truck with 40 others for four days without food or water. The journey was just from Dortmund but it took four days.				
6.	This camp was made to accommodate 1400 prisoners, which it had up to Xmas. The 6500 was for recent weeks. There were men from Arnhem here.				
7.	The cemetery is nearby. There are the recent British graves. But, mostly unmarked, are the graves of 20,000 russians who in 1941 died of Typhus. They were buried 18 to a grave.				
8.	This place was originally a camp for russians who would not work as slave labour and the conditions were very bad. They did not improve very much when other nationalities arrived for the guards had got into their ways.				
8.	One scene shows the coffins used. The flag at the gate was made by the men and used at the funerals.				

WHICH OTHER SOUND NEWS REELS COVERED STORY

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