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Cameraman: Sgt. Blakeley (102)  
Story: Demolition of 'U' pens at Hamburg.  
Date: 21.10.45.  
Length: 600 ft.  
Location: Hamburg, Germany.

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In order to protect their U boats from Allied air raids the German High Command built large concrete shelters and for these terror craft to shelter in when being repaired and refitted in home harbours ready for new death strokes on some unsuspecting prey.

Today at Hamburg a pen capable of holding ten of Hitler's tin fish and which took four and a half years to build was in a split second blown sky high by the pressing of a button on an exploder connected to 67.425 lbs. of pure explosive by Major H.E.A. Donnelly, M.C. of the 224 Field Coy. R.E.

*yes*

This pen has had four direct hits by ten ton bombs which have only just managed to penetrate the 11' 6" reinforced concrete roof without doing any material damage to the interior. For the last three weeks men of the 224 Field Coy. R.E. have been busy placing explosive in between the double walls which are the same thickness as the roof and under the floor in order to make sure that the Germans will never again be able to use it. Never before has a demolition been carried out on such a large scale and all the explosive used is German in the form of captured aircraft bombs.

Roll 1.

- L.S. General view of the pen with sunken submarines in the foreground.
- L.S. General view showing the complete pen.
- M.S. General view showing the entrance to the pen.
- M.S. Pan showing the entrance to the pen.

Roll 2.

- M.S. German civilians loading the bombs which are to be used for the demolition onto trollies.
- M.S. ditto.
- C.U. ditto.
- M.S. The Germans pushing the trollies containing the bombs into the pens.

Roll 3.

- M.S. A 1,000 lb. bomb being lowered into the floor in between the double walls.
- M.S. Bombs standing ready to blast the rear wall being fused.
- M.S. 1,000 lb. bombs being unloaded from trollies and placed in between the walls.
- M.S. ditto.
- M.S. Cases of dynamite being lowered into the floor.

Roll 4.

- C.U. Showing the name in German on a box of dynamite and hand taking the box from the truck.
- M.S. Explosive being placed and rammed into holes in the outer walls.
- C.U. ditto.
- Waste film.
- C.U. Explosive being fused.

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Roll 5.

M.S. Fuse wire being inserted into bombs beneath the floor.

C.U. ditto.

M.S. showing stack of cases of dynamite being fused beneath the floor.

C.U. ditto.

Roll 6.

L.S. Cable which will be connected up to the exploder and the explosive being rolled out of the main doors of the pen.

M.S. The cable being connected up to the exploder underneath a sign 'Firing Point'.

M.S. Major H.E.A. Donnelly, M.C. of the 224 Field Coy.

R.E. turns the handle of the generator of the exploder and then presses the button which destroys Three Million Pounds worth of Hitlers dreams.

Waste Film.

L.S. Exploding of the pens.

L.S. General view of the pens after being destroyed.

M.S. Shot of the entrance to the pens after destruction.

M.S. Damage.

Cameraman: Sgt. Chitham (103)  
 Story: Demolition of the U Boats Pens at Hamburg.  
 Date: 21.10.45.  
 Length: 120 ft.  
 Formation: 8 Base Sub Hamburg  
 Location: Hamburg.

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Roll 1.

Explosion material to tie up with story shot by Sgt. Blakeley on the demolition of the U Boat Pens at Hamburg.

*Yes*

L.S. Explosion at Pens.

L.S. The Destroyed Pens.