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1.8.44.

CAMERAMAN : Ian Struthers.
STORY : CAUMONT FRONT ADVANCE.
LOCATION : Normandy, France.

Roll 1. Cromwell Tanks. A dump going up in the distance.
Clearing Mines. Wounded.

Roll 2. Typhoons doing their stuff.

Roll 3. General scenes Infantry, Carriers, Wounded, Prisoners,
Churchill Tanks. Prisoners and our First Aid helping
German wounded.

Rolls 4,
5 & 6. Ditto.

All this was taken near Caumont and the village of
Sept Vents. (Which means Seven Winds.)

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ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE LABORATORY
DOPE SHEET
B- 637

FF/EM/Ext 1544
July 31, 1944

SUBJECT : Drive for Coutance.
UNIT : News of the day.
CAMERAMAN : Jack Lieb.
LOCATION : Marigny and vicinity.
FOOTAGE : 500'
DATE : July 28, 1944.

DESCRIPTION:

Americans continue their drive through the towns of St. Gilles and Marigny in an effort to reach Coutance and cut off approx; five divisions of the enemy. Good weather and fair skies make this a field day for our troops. Enemy tanks by the dozen are found knocked out, many of these were knocked out by the air attacks and many more by our advancing forces.

Refugees returning to their towns find their homes in ruins, a knocked out German tank is almost the only thing left. Children and their parents are sitting on their meagre belongings waiting for help. CU's of types and of several children. The little girl with the long hair was wounded.

At St. Gilles three tanks all within a few yards of each other are shown knocked out. Officers keep a record and check the effectiveness of our fire on these tanks. Also check to see if the Nazis have any new wrinkles.

CU's of two Lt. Cols inspecting tanks.

One officer finds a booby trap in one of the tanks.

Scenes showing all three tanks in one picture.

Tanks shown with church in background.

Scenes show the interior of a church that was once beautiful.

CU's of several of the beautiful statues pierced by bullet holes and shrapnel.

General LS's of the interior of the church showing Christ on the cross still untouched.

Trucks move up to the line.

The town of Marigny, ruined like all the rest.

Several scenes of the town.

Signal corps cameramen are also on the job. They show their new type helmet which allows them to use the camera without throwing the helmet off their head. The only trouble with this new helmet is that when the lid is up they look like boche soldiers. One of them was almost shot because of it. Scenes showing how soldiers can mistake cameraman for a Jerry. This staged to illustrate.

Residents, two and their baby return to ruins of Marigny, using bicycle as transportation.

GI's use the wreckage of Marigny and a knocked out German tank as the background for a picture. Something for their album.

Additional scenes of the town.

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July 31, 1944

SUBJECT : Air view, Perier Coutance road.
UNIT : Universal.
CAMERAMAN : Priestley.
LOCATION : Perier - Coutance, road.
FOOTAGE : 500'
DATE : July 30, 1944.

DESCRIPTION:

Air shots of Lessey--- Periers---- Coutance---
To go with ground material of same made by Bockhorst.
2 rolls.

ROLL 3

General Air views and prisoners on Perier Coutance road.

ROLL 4

Prisoners on road.

ROLL 5

Air view of Perier.

ROLL 6

Air views of road from Perier to Coutance.

ROLL 7

Air view of Coutance.

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DOPE SHEET
INV-872

FF/KD/EX1544
31 July 1944

SUBJECT : Medics Treating French Wounded.
UNIT : "EVE" Sig. Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : Sgt. I Gouse.
LOCATION : France.
FOOTAGE : 100 Feet.
DATE : 29 July 1944.

DESCRIPTION : Slate subject incorrect. LS. of 2nd Armored Div.,
medics treating a wounded French civilian in Notre
Dame de Cerilly. MS. of same. Fixing splint.
Applying splint to leg. Same different angle.
Carrying man on stretcher and placing in ambulance.
This shows how army medics take care of the wounded
French civilians as well as our own soldiers.

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INV-846

SUBJECT:

Unit : 166th Sig. Photo Co., Det. 8.
Cameraman: Sgt. P.E. Anders.
Location : Seves, Normandy.
Footage :: 200 Feet.
Date : 27 July 1944.

This is a story on the new mine encountered in this area by the ~~90th~~ Division troops in the advance on St. Savuer Lendelin. The have been encountered before, but not in such profusion. They caused great casualties in the ~~1st~~ Inf. Regts. first unsuccessful attack on the island upon which the town of Seves is situated. This attack took place on the 22nd and 23rd of July 1944. This morning, 27 July, the troops of Co. 1, ~~559th~~ Inf. Regt. retook the town with very little opposition but found very ~~many~~ numerous booby-traps and mines. This mine is anti-personnel and is found everywhere, in hedges, in fields and buried in the ground and in the roads. It is built to resemble a common "C" ration can that has been used even to blackening the sides, as if coffee has been boiled in it, hence the susceptibility of our troops, it detonated under very little pressure and is made to main, usually blowing off a hand or foot.

The film shows the first ~~squad~~ squad of the ~~515th~~ Engrs. Co. C.k attached to the ~~90th~~ Div., that entered Seves and swept the road clear. They are moving on forward to the advance for our vehicles, the first roll is uncontrolled and consists of medium and long shots of the squad moving.

The second roll is controlled and shows Pvt. Everett R. Eusted, Weston, Ohio, of the same Co. demonstrating how the mines are removed and shows the mine itself in detail.

The second roll is intended to be cut in the first roll.

INV-849

Subject : ~~4th~~ Armored ~~Division~~ *unit*
Unit : Det 5, 166th Sig. Photo Co.
Cameraman: Connell.
Location : Periers.
Footage : 400 Feet.
Date : 28 July 1944.

Periers, Normandy, Frande is one of the larger towns that is in line with a new allied armor drive. After a concerted bombing attack and also an artillery attack, the ~~4th~~ Armored ~~Division~~ entered the shambles of a picturesque town. The tanks, Armored Cars, etc., roll through the town to establish a spear head further south. First prisoners are taken in the vicinity and are searched and placed in an improvised P.O.W. camp. Equipment passing through Periers with wrecked buildings in the background is shown from a number of angles including one that was taken from the bottom of a large bomb crater on a street inter-section.

Newsreels

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R.A.F. FILM PRODUCTION UNIT.

Production No. C.B. 85 (^{Ground} ~~Air~~ to Air shots).

Ops. 184 and 185 (Air to ground shots).

Target: Heavy Bomber attack on enemy positions S. and S.E. of Caumont.

Date: 30th July, 1944.

As a preliminary to an attack on the centre of the line south of Caumont an attack was made by heavies on first areas in which the ~~main~~ main enemy forces were believed to be located. Fragmentation bombs were used in most places to avoid cratering holding up our own movement. There was, however, some N.E.

The bombers came below cloud and provided a remarkable spectacle of dozens of four engined aircraft milling around just above the trees. Spitfires provided cover, many of them also flying around in the general meloc. There appeared to be very little flak indeed.

General coverage of aircraft and explosions.

White planes on the horizon are probably German mortar bombs bursting in our lines.

Also a shot of a low flying Lancaster with 25 pounder gun firing in foreground.

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INV-691

FF/EE/Ex1544
25 July 1944
No 1280

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SUBJECT : Radio Station
Unit : Special Coverage Unit
Cameraman : Capt. W. Mellor
Location : Cherbourg
Footage : 500 Feet
Date : 9 July 1944

Description : Roll 2
Medium Long Shot of the Allied Radio Station operating in
France. Close up of Announcers and mixers.
See report by Irving Shaw for more detail.

CAMERAMAN MUTH

RADIO STATION

ROLL 2

Shot of Radio Station, first in France under Allied
control.

Close up of the announcers.

Print whole roll.

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CAMERAMAN: KENNETH GORDON (PATHE)
LOCATION : CAUMONT
DATE : 31st July, 1944.

Shipment No. 16.

WE TAKE OVER CAUMONT FROM THE AMERICANS
AND HAVE A PARTY.

British take over famous Scotch Regiment (Black Watch) going into the line.

C/u and various shots of same

16th Scottish
Division

British Bofors gun in shelled house.

6-Pounder on anti-tank outside Caumont and burning German armoured car in background.

Bringing in German prisoners through Caumont.

Various shots of damaged village of Caumont - scene of heavy fighting.

Various long shots of fighting showing shells smoke of battle.

These shots clearly show the closely wooded country we are fighting in.

Last shots show in foreground distant British tanks advancing.

Mid shot of British tank covering rear of attack.

Jeeps bringing in British wounded - these people do a grand job.

American Troops leaving sector pass - British supplies moving up.

American and British road patrols meet and protect movement.

Watch batch of 150 German prisoners captured by British.

American troops, after being in sector for a month, take leave of French posts.

Scottish Infantry in Bren carriers, move forward.

Shots of German targets being bombed by British Aircraft.

Some shots show British tanks in foreground.

In spite of war nearly every crucifix has remained intact.

Scottish Infantry on Guard.

Scottish Infantry in line.

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The story of this attack should be good. It started Sunday morning - the better the day the better the deed!

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INV-858

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31 July 1944

SUBJECT : Coutances.
UNIT : Det. "J" 155th Sig. Photo Co.
CAMERAMAN : T/3 R.M. Montgomery & T/4 W.C. Hedrich.
LOCATION : Coutances.
FOOTAGE : 1100 Feet.
DATE : 29 July 1944.

DESCRIPTION : The occupation of the key town of Coutances by the Armored forces of the 14th Arm'd Div. Driving ahead with tanks and other vehicles they drove into and beyond the city of Coutances. Footage on some of the 14th Arm'd Div. soldiers carefully making their way into the town which the Germans pulled out of. Other than an occasional pocket resistance or a sniper there were no Jerries in the city. Footage on the Armored Division going through the town and the terrific damage and destruction in the town, which was caused by our bombers and artillery. Some of the first prisoners being brought back from the front through the city of Coutances. Armored convoy and some human interest shots of the few remaining French priests in the town. As one entered the town from the St. Lo road there was a line of trees on both sides of the street. The Germans cut notches in the trees and set dynamite charges in them. Thus when the charges were set off the trees toppled into the street forming a road block. There is some footage on the town of Periers and engineer outfits reconstructing the roads etc.

Rolls 6 & 7 (Montgomery) Time 1200 Hours.
Views of tanks on the St. Lo road leading to Coutance
Follow up shots of the German Armor knocked out at a cross roads. German corpse in the foreground.
Soldiers of the 14th Arm'd Div., working their way into the town of Coutances on the sharp look out for a German sniper, who had just fired a shot at them. Dynamite charged, line of trees, which when set off topples the trees and forms a road block. Trees in foreground and convoy of tanks etc., on main street leading into town. Shots of convoy.

Rolls 8 & 9 (Montgomery) Time 1330 Hours.
Shots of convoy moving through town showing the battered Cathedral of Coutances in the background. CU's of tanks and other Armored vehicles going by and blasted church in background. Prisoners being taken back to the rear, riding on hood of jeep, past convoy
Troops marching by Armored Convoy in Coutances.

Rolls 10 & 11. (Montgomery) Time 1430 Hours.
Patrol mopping up the town of Coutances, walking over the debris which littered the streets. A small statue of the Virgin Mary was sitting atop a pile of rubble and patrol walking past it to square of Coutances. Various scenes of the Cathedral of Coutances in the center of the town. Soldiers walking past the Cathedral. French people watching convoy go by, these people had just returned to the city
Scene of Jerry prisoners sitting on wall along street in Coutances. These were under guard here, prior to being sent back to the rear.

Roll 12 (Montgomery.) Time 1500 Hours.
Jerry prisoners lined up near wall in city of Coutances and Armored Convoy in the background.

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Roll 12 (Cont'd)

Prisoners being marched back to the rear past tanks and tracked vehicles. Close ups of prisoners etc.

Roll 18 (Hedrich)

At a forward aid station Medics of the 4th Div., attending to wounded French children. Follow up shots of American medics at work attending to French civilians.

Roll 1 (Hedrich)

Reconstruction work by the Engineers in the town of Periers. The Germans pulled out of the town and our Armored forces drove south, down to and beyond the city of Coutances. The engineers at work in Periers, showing the extensive damage to the town. Other follow shots

Roll 2 (Hedrich) Time 1300 Hours.

First 50 Feet Engineer demolitions work in the city of Periers. Engineers preparing to demolish a crumbling wall in the town. Other views on this sequence. Sequence on the damage etc., to the town of St. Sauveur Lendelyn on the road south to Coutances. The last 50 Feet on this roll is general views of devastated town of St. Sauveur.

Roll 3 (Hedrich) Time 1530 hours.

Sequence on the tanks and other Armored vehicles approaching and entering the city of Coutances from the North. Tank column passing tree lined street. Follow up shots of the 4th Armored Division passing through the town of Coutances. Returning French refugees cheering and waving to the Armored Convoy in the city of Coutances.

ARMY PICTORIAL SERVICE LABORATORY
DOPE SHEET
INV- 860

FF/EM/Ext 1544
July 31, 1944

SUBJECT : Advance (through St. LO) 24th "iv.
UNIT : "A" 165th Sig. Photo Div.
CAMERAMAN : Sgt. A.T. Matrin.
LOCATION : St. Lo.
FOOTAGE : 300'
DATE : July 28, 1944

DESCRIPTION:

All three rolls show the tremendous amount of equipment and men that passed through St. Lo. to-day. Starting with some light and medium tanks that came tearing through the town to avert the steady 88mm fire the Germans had been throwing at St. LO, a steady stream of guns equipment and Infantry kept coming from the North. The tanks went South East to hold off any counter attack while the equipment went South West. The tanks belong to the 737 tank Bn. Most of the vehicles in the first two rolls belong to the 24th Div. All of the infantry and equipment in roll three belongs to the 29th Div. The MP (CU) directing traffic at the start of roll three is 1st. Sgt. Frank C. Rocco, from St. Albans, L.I. New York of Co. C 607 MP Bn.