

FF/AB/Ext. 1544

15 March 1945

SUBJECT : Anti-Aircraft fire and Engineer Work at Remagen Bridge
 UNIT : 165th. Sig. Photo Co. FUSA
 CAMERAMAN : T/3 Grant Evans
 LOCATION : Erpel, Germany, east bank of Rhine
 FOOTAGE : 300 ft.
 DATE : 13 March 1945

DESCRIPTION : ROLL 1 1400 - East bank of Rhine near Remagen Bridge
 An M 16 Anti-Aircraft unit, consisting of 4 50 cal. machine guns, fires at enemy planes. Men operating the weapons are members of the ~~276th~~ AAA Bn. attached to 9th. Arm. Div. This Bn. is credited with shooting down 18 German planes over the bridge.

ROLLS 2 and 3 1500 - Engineers at work on the Remagen Bridge
 Scenes show structural members of the bridge damaged by enemy shell fire. Engineers are seen working to maintain the road bed that was improvised to allow vehicles to travel over the railway ties. Other engineers with cutting torches are removing damaged parts in preparation for their replacement. Roadbed work is being done by men of the ~~276th~~ Eng. Bn., of the ~~1159th~~ Eng. Combat Group. Major repairs are being made by the ~~1050th~~ Engineers, ~~2302~~ Group C.

Note: First and second Rolls were improperly slated "Det Z", should be "Det C".

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19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Collapse of Remagen Bridge.

UNIT : 165 Sig. Photo. Co.

CAMERAMAN : Newman, Spangle, Evans.

LOCATION : Remagen, Germany.

FOOTAGE : 800 ft.

DATE : 17 March 1945.

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DESCRIPTION: This footage was taken at 1530 to 1600 hours by three Cameraman. S/Sgt. Bernard Newman, Sgt. Wm. Spangle and T/3 Grant Evans... At approximately 1515 hours, the now famous Ludendorf Railroad Bridge which spans the Rhine River at Remagen Germany collapsed. As far as is known, the Bridge merely collapsed. No other reason for the collapse of the Bridge can be seen. There were no explosions. Engineers of the ~~1058th~~ ~~276th~~ Eng. Bn's were working on the Bridge at the time of the catastrophe. All in all, there were about three hundred men working on the bridge when it collapsed. The ~~1058th~~ Engineers were repairing and reinforcing the main structures of the bridge, while the ~~276th~~ Engineers were maintaining the road across the railroad tracks. When the bridge collapsed, men leaped into the River, and clung to the debris. Farther down the River, bystanders leaped into the river to help rescue the men clinging to the debris. Men can be seen swimming out into the river and attaching rope to the driftwood where men were clinging as men on shore pulled the raft in with the attached rope. Scenes show the collapsed bridge, as Medics were frantically working to help the wounded. Men can be seen being pulled out of the river and onto the collapsed bridge. One scene shows the daring rescue of a soldier clinging to debris, and then finally being pulled from the water. Quite a few scenes are devoted to the rescue of a wounded man who was stranded out in the water on a mess of debris as medics administered First Aid. Scene then shows Motor Boats coming down the River. This was the only means of removing the

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wounded man from the middle of the River. Scenes shows the motor boat moving into the debris, the wounded man being put into the boat, and then heading for shore. Evans was waiting on shore when the motor boat pulled up, and continued the sequence as the man was removed from the boat to an ambulance. Other scenes show men being lowered from the top of beams by means of ropes. The tenseness and drama of all this cannot be over-emphasized, but should be seen in the faces of the men who were carrying out rescue operations. The significance of any other scenes should be obvious to the viewer. Note: All scenes were taken from the East Bank of the River. The light conditions at the time of exposure were extremely poor and all footage was exposed at the widest opening of the diaphragm. Facts pertaining to this catastrophe will soon be released and this footage should prove invaluable for news purposes.

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