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HOME FROM KOREA

Seven days in a Hastings aircraft from Tokyo, and awaited by joyous relatives, came the 22 sick and wounded soldiers who'd been prisoners of war in Korea.

At last they were in England again, air travel having whisked them 10,000 miles from the Far East to the homeland they little thought to see so soon a few weeks ago. The hearts of all were too full for words. Including the four

stretcher cases were eleven men of the Gloucestershire Regiment, captured in that epic of the Imjin River which may well have saved the United Nations Army from a severe defeat. Private Peter Booth, from Bredon near Tewkesbury,

was wounded in the back of the head. Trooper Calverley, with Mother and Sister. Cpl. William Greenaway comes from Gailford, Northern Ireland. Rifleman Roberts, London, had quite a family reception. Fusilier Hodkinson, D.C.M.,

lost the sight of one eye. Did you get good treatment there?

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INTERVIEWS RETURNED POWs AT LYNEHAM
(FARMER)

TAKE 1

No. 1 - PTE WILLIAM COX (GLOS) before mike with wife.

Mumble in BG then Cox with hand on wife's shoulder.

Voice interviewer:

"Well, Pte. Cox, it is very nice to be back I expect, isn't it?"

Cox: "Yes, it is a grand feeling to be back, Sir,"

Int: "Tell me, this is the second time you have been a prisoner, isn't it?"

Cox: "Yes, I was captured at Dunkirk in 1942." (?)

Int: "And how long were you -- (before int. finishes Cox jumps in with -

Cox: "Five years and 3 months until the time I got home."

Int: "And how long this time?"

Cox: "Two years this time to the 25th April."

Int: "That makes quite a long trip inside, doesn't it?"

Cox: "Seven years."

Int: "Far too much."

Int. to Mrs. Cox:

"I suppose you are pretty glad having him back, aren't you, Mrs. Cox.

You've missed him a lot?"

Mrs. Cox: "Yes, I have missed him."

Int: "Well, thanks for coming and talking to us, and I hope you have a good leave, goodbye."

Cox: "Goodbye" (and Mrs. Cox says something aside). They both turn away from camera.

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Seven feet head

TAKE 2

No. 1 - PTE COX

COX & WIFE - INT. JUST IN PIX

Int: "Pte Cox, you were captured on the Imjim River?"

Cox: "I was captured on the 25th April."

Int: "Tell me, this is the second time you have been a prisoner?"

Cox: "Yes, the second time. I was captured at Dunkirk in '40."

Int: "How long were you ---"

Cox: "Five years and 3 months."

Int: ["How long this time?"

Cox: "Two years this time."

Int: "That's just over 7 years, isn't it?"

Cox: "It is just over 7 years, yes, Sir."]

Int: "That's an awful long time!" (and then to Mrs. Cox - "I suppose you are pretty glad to have him back, aren't you?"

Mrs. Cox: "Yes, I am Sir."

Int: "Well, have a jolly good leave and take him home sometime."

Cox: "Thank you very much. " (handshakes int. and says-) "All the very best, Sir."

Int: "Bye bye, thank you."

No. 2

PTE. A. E. HUNT (GLOS) - moustache

Int. voice in BG! "Would you mind telling me your name, please?"

(then mumble bg and something about speaking a little louder)

Int. "Would you mind telling me your name now?"

Hunt: "L/Cpl. Hunt." (?)

Int: "And what part are you from?"

Hunt: "Weston super Mare, Somerset."

Int: "Where were you captured?"

Hunt: "On the Injin River."

Int: "That was the famous action?"

Hunt: "Yes."

Int: "I would like to ask you what was the food like while you were there."

(head of Int. comes into pix)

Hunt: "Well, it was ample food, it wasn't the same as our own, but it was enough. We had it a bit rough in the beginning but it improved as we went on."

Int: "Good. How many meals did you get out of it?"

Hunt: "Well, we had 3 in the summer and, as the custom of the Chinese, 2 in the winter." (he smiles)

Int: "Peculiar custom."

Hunt smiling: "Yes."

Int. "You are hoping to go on leave I suppose, very shortly?"

Hunt: "Yes."

Int: "Well, have a good one, wont you?"

Hunt: smiles.

Int: "Thanks a lot."

No. 3

FUS. G. S. HODKINSON & mother. Hodkinson winner of DCM at battle

Operation Pimlico. Lost sight, temporarily he hopes, of left eye thru shrapnel.

Int. in pix: Well, Cpl., Pte. H--- (Int. to sound boys, "I am sorry, do you mind trying again?")

Int: "Well, Pte. H--, it's a pretty good thing to get your DCM when you came out of the POW camp. Congratulations on that."

Hodkinson: "Thank you very much. (looks down at medal) It's a great thing to have, and I was surprised when I got it."

Int: "It was soon after you get back to "Freedom Village?"

Hodkinson: "No, ~~a little after that~~, just before that, just before we boarded a plane to Japan."

Int: "Now in what action did you get that---"

Hodkinson: "Nov. 25. It was called P imlico - Op. Pimlico, and ~~while~~ well, we were doing a patrol in a valley when we got hit by the Chinese very hard."

Int: "Tell me, you get a bit knocked about in that, didn't you?"

Hodkinson: "Just slightly, yes. I mean the others got knocked about more than I did. There was roughly about 20 killed - 25 -- (then sound without pix)

Int: "That's pretty heavy, that. Well, anyway (then back to pix) now you are back again (FCU ^{C14} Hodkinson) I believe your mother's going to have quite a celebration."

Hodkinson: "I think so, I don't know what is the plan for me, I am sure (mother laughs out of pix then mother and son into pix)

Int to mother: "What are you going to do when you get him home?"

Mother: "Well tonight, there is nothing much doing tonight, but tomorrow night's a family reunion to start off with, and of course next weekend

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most likely I think the Boro's going to do something for him.

Int: "Well, that is very nice indeed, there will be quite a few celebrations."

Mother: "Yes, he has got quite a few celebrations to take place.

Int: "That's grand. Well, anyway, many congratulations on ---

It's nice to see it, anyway."

Hodkinson: "Thank you very much, thank you very much indeed.

Int: "You lost the sight of your eye, didn't you?"

Hodkinson: "Yes, I lost the sight of my left ^{EYE} ~~eye~~, but I hope to get my sight back again in the near future."

Int: "Well, did they give you good treatment --?"

Hodkinson: "Yes, when I was captured on the way up to the Yalla River they treated me very well in hospital. Quite a few eye-baths, and there was a piece of shrapnel they took out of the left eye."

Int: "You ~~hope to get~~ ^{you think you get} your sight back, do you?"

Hodkinson: "Yes, in the near future I hope to get my sight back."

Int: "Well, that's grand, anyway."

Int: "You are going out of the army when you finish your time or - I suppose you have finished - ?"

Hodkinson: "No, I haven't finished, I have still got about 3 months to do. July I am finishing."

Int: "You are coming out?"

Hodkinson: "Yes, I am coming out of the army then."

Int: "Any ideas what you are going to do?"

Hodkinson: "No, I haven't a clue yet."

Int: "Well, I hope you find something that suits you, anyway."

No. 4

Pte. H. J. BROWN (Glos)

Brown and int. in pix

Int. speaks: "Pte. Brown, what part are you from?"

Brown: "Bordon, Hampshire, Sir."

Int: "Could you tell me one thing - what was the feeling of the chaps you left in the POW camp like?"

Brown: "Pretty good, Sir."

Int: "They were pretty good, were they, but I expect they are all hoping for the best."

Brown: "They are all hoping to get home."

FCU BROWN: as int. asks: "Pte. Brown, what part are you from?"

Brown: "Bordon, Hampshire."

Int: "Can you tell me one thing. What is the morale (?) of the chaps you left behind in the POW camps like?"

Brown: "Very high."

Int: "It was that?"

Brown: "Yes, yes."

Int: "I suppose they are all looking forward ---"

Brown: mumbles some answer.

Int: "Thank you very much indeed."

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