

SMITHFIELD STRIKETROOPS CARRY THE CANNED

Smithfield market stands empty except for idle shopmen and porters, as the unofficial strike of fourteen-hundred drivers enters its sixth day. The men complain of delay in negotiations for a nineteen shillings a week wage-increase.

Meanwhile, operation "Oxhide" proceeds, with 300 Army lorries. Their task is to shift sixty-four-million penn'orths of corned meat in three days. An awful lot of tins, but barely enough to bring the meat-ration for inner-London to one and threepence worth.

It's bully for them, and bully for London. They're doing their best, but the ration will still be fifty per cent lower than it ought to be.