

THE KOREAN FRONT

This, in his own words, is a personal report from Pathé News cameraman Bill Jordan somewhere in the Korean front-line:
"I was with the boys of the first battalion the Duke of Wellington's the other day. There wasn't much doing when I first arrived - only Private Keith Lodge of Huddersfield showing us how to play darts. When there's a lull in the fighting, some of the chaps (like another Huddersfield lad, Sapper Steve Cole) take the opportunity of sending water and supplies up the hill to the gun-emplacements at the top. They were hard at it while I was with them. They didn't know when the Reds would start trouble again so they were getting as much to the top as they could while all was quiet - you can see the sort of country it is out here - rough, bleak and very cold.

While all this was going on, the chaps down below were getting ready - just in case. On a mortar-site I met a bunch of them. Corporal John Fitzhenry of Halifax was lining up his sites at the time. Another Yorkshireman was in charge of the platoon - Sergeant Batty of Otley. Lance Corporal Ron Vaughn comes from Bradford.

By a Vickers gun I came across the dart-player Keith Lodge again. His number two, Ken Ashton of Sheffield, was already loading up - looked as if they were expecting something. The tank boys were in their places, too. That's Lieutenant Jackson. The next minute we knew something was up. Sam Robertson (he's from Woking in Surrey) was shouting orders. There was movement behind the enemy lines - and our job was to make it hot for them. Everywhere I turned my camera, men were scattering to their positions - in a matter of seconds they were by their guns.

We didn't wait long for the order to fire - and fire they did. Everything in sight opened up.

When you read of battle in Korea, remember these friends of mine at the front. I know what it's like now - it's tough out here."