

ACTION IN KOREA

Ice and snow cover the deck of the American aircraft carrier "Oriskany" somewhere off the coast of Korea. Heavy storms and blizzards ice-up much of the carrier's armament, but still aircraft keep up their daily flights behind the lines of the North Korean Armies, blasting shipping supply dumps, railways and troop installations with bombs, rockets and machine gun fire.

While Red communications in the North are hampered from the air, further south men of the First Battalion the King's Regiment get ready for a patrol. Bill Keay from Wales puts on his camouflage. Bob Scott and Bill Dugdale, both Liverpool men - and Ted Martin of Preston are all set to go. Their target's a hill-top a short way ahead, so Centurion tanks move forward to clear the way.

The patrol races for cover as the enemy open fire. Cliff Braughton from Manchester is at the ready, so is Bernard Brown from Liverpool.

Another Manchester man, Jim Dolan opens up as the Reds fall back under fire. Dick Rigby of Widnes and Jim Seddan from Liverpool join in with the mortars.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bumbury watches his men move up. Men of the patrol come back with a wounded Chinese prisoner.

On the hill-top, South Koreans help to dig in on the newly-won position. Alongside, Sappers hack away at the almost solid rock.

This is Corporal Gerry Robertson from Tasmania. Also helping to build the defensive position before a Red counter-attack is Private Terence Bailey from Plymouth.

Meanwhile, further along the front, Colin Lewis, a Corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps (whose home is in Port Talbot, South Wales) receives a signal telling him that he has been awarded the George Medal for his gallantry in action, while attached to the 61st Light Regiment Royal Artillery.

Twice Lewis went through a "live" minefield to tend a badly wounded comrade. In the words of the citation, "His was a demonstration of cold, calculated courage of the highest order."

X Off Korea's wintry coast, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier Oriskany 10218
runs into heavy storms in near zero weather. Sailors ~~XXX~~ quickly
clean off the decks, for it's the Navy's job to keep hammering the
enemy with continued air strikes, and neither snow nor sleet or enemy
fire can keep our flyers from their appointed rounds. Our planes sweep
down on Communist supply vessels half-hidden along the North Korea coast.

X Then they hit a railroad.

X Supply dumps, troops installations, Communist barracks and roadways are all
part of today's objectives. X The strike is over, and below clouds of smoke
testify to the success of the Navy raid.