

FILM SHOWS AT THE FRONT

From the Army Kinema Detachment Workshops, just behind the Korean battlefront, comes the equipment that lets the boys in the line keep up their film-going just as they did at home. Company Sergeant Major Ted Buckland from Reading is one of the men who keeps the gear in first-class order.

Six mobile jeep units, complete with projector, generator and screen, go as near the front-line as the Commanding Officers of the audiences will allow; and films are flown in from Blighty just as fast as they can be printed back at home. Many of the cinemas are pretty rough, but a new one to seat about 300, is being built by men of the First Battalion the King's Regiment. But for the time being, a small tent has to serve - in Korea that's not much to grouse about.

"Castle in the Air" and Pathé News are showing today, so a big crowd's hoping to get in. Units in forward positions are given five different programmes every week, thanks to the efforts of the Army Kinema Corporation. The show is soon to begin and the generator is started up.

The audience are in their places - and operator Sergeant Roberts gets the projector ready. Westerns, dramas, comedies - they're all shown out here and, even if the cinema isn't quite like the one back home, these chaps give the shows a great welcome.

In case of trouble, guns are kept handy, for, at any time, the Reds may strike.

For the men, these shows bring a few hours welcome relief from the tension of battle.