## **Resource sheet 2.2C (page 1)**

**Veterans’ voices: wartime experiences in Korea**

**Source sheet**

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| **A**  We laid in the trenches and dug holes in the sides of the mountains every now and then and that's where we lived. They were rat-infested. I think I was more afeared of them than I was of the Chinese.  The temperature never rose above minus 38, even some of the soldiers who’d served in the Second World War admitted that they hadn't endured conditions like that.’  **Brian Hough, 1st Battalion, King's Liverpool Regiment, 2010** | **B**  It remains with you the despair… and the helplessness of these people (refugees)… trudging for hours along the road and we had to turn them back… It was mind-opening.  **William Stevens, Royal Signals, speaking in 2010 for a film made by Leicestershire County Council** |
| **C**  I had to go to frontline troops and give advice on every type of disease it might be possible to catch – frostbite, trench foot… I saw two winters and very, very hot summers. In between we had the monsoon… mud everywhere, vehicles getting stuck everywhere.  **lan Guy, Royal Army Medical Corps, speaking in 2016 on a Korean news programme** | **D**  The city was absolutely devastated. There were bare bones of buildings, burnt out buildings…and the peasants walking around in abject poverty.  **Michael Outridge, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, speaking in 2010 for a film made by Leicestershire County Council** |
| **E**  The Chinese came on you and you didn’t know where they were… They could sneak up and be within a couple of hundred yards of you and you wouldn’t know they were there.  **Kenneth Haywood, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, speaking in 2010 for a film made by Leicestershire County Council** | **F**  There’s something that always stands out in my mind, the Chinese getting hammered by napalm because it’s a terrible weapon. The screams that came from those Chinese still ring in my ears to this day.  **Tom Clough, Royal Artillery, speaking to the BBC in 2011** |
| **G**  You didn’t know what you were doing. You virtually didn’t know the right end of the gun from the wrong end. [A few] weeks (of training) and then you were away…  **Bill Hall, Black Watch Veteran, talking on BBC Scotland’s *Forgotten War in Korea* to Jackie Bird in 2012** | **H**  They (the Chinese) would creep up to the wire… and you would get up in the morning and see these leaflets on the wire… and of course it was telling you… that your wife had gone off with somebody else.  **James Bridges, King’s Own Scottish Borderers, speaking in 2010 for a film made by Leicestershire County Council** |

## **Resource sheet 2.2C (page 2)**

**Veterans’ voices: wartime experiences in Korea**

**Recording sheet**

Use this table to analyse what the voices of the veterans can tell us about the experience of the British soldiers in Korea:

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| **Aspect of the experience** | **What the veterans say about this** |
| How well trained were the conscripts? |  |
| The types of warfare the soldiers had to face |  |
| The strengths of the Chinese Army |  |
| What it was like fighting in Korea |  |
| The impact of the war on civilians |  |
| Experience of new weaponry |  |