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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

The army takes the stage in a new theatre of operations. Here are some of the hundreds of serving soldiers in the cast of the theatre's first British Army Pageant, making their way to a new sort of military objective. After a three weeks run at the Stoll Theatre, London, they will tour Britain. We of Pathe "Salute the Soldier".

Let's go back stage with some of the lads as they parade for rehearsal in the land of make-believe and make-up. Blonde and pretty Vi Lesley of Leeds, formerly an actress, gives him expert help in making up a very delightful ally Vera Bailey from Yugoslavia. Pathe Gazette Cameraman Ken Gordon looks in on four Scotsmen browned-off by rehearsal, and then intrudes on a letter-writing session. Typical time-off shots in between moments of hard work. Stage hands in battledress add the Army touch to scene shifting. A couple of footsloggers turn on the 'taps'. Stage and Army producers join forces to give the show Spit and Polish.