

A Year in the Life of a Topical Budget Cameraman

John 'Bunny' Hutchins' assignment list

16 November 1922 to 15 November 1923 inclusive

The following account of one cameraman's year is taken from the issue books of the Topical Film Company, which record the details of release for the British silent newsreel *Topical Budget*. Normally these issue books only record the newsreel as released, but between March 1919 and November 1923 they also record the names of the cameramen, all their assignments, how much film they took, how much was used, their expenses, which items were used in the newsreel, which held for future use, and which not used at all. There are gaps in this record, hence a year from November to November.

John 'Bunny' Hutchins (1878-1946) worked for *Topical Budget* from June 1917 to around 1925. The records below give the date of newsreel release (not the date of event), the issue number, the subject of the assignment, how many other cameramen filmed with him if it was not a solo assignment, how much footage he took, how much was used, and his expenses (excluding cost of negative). The column 'USA' covers separate footage shot for sale to an American newsreel. 'Local' means an item for a regional issue of the newsreel only. 'Special' means an individually commissioned item not intended for release within the newsreel. Where figures for length taken are given in brackets these refer to footage taken by all cameramen on that assignment, individual figures not being kept. Most abbreviations should be clear. 'P.O.W.', however, means Prince of Wales.

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Date	No.	Subject	Notes	Length	Used	USA	Expenses
1922							
Nov-16	586-1	Belgium/Unknown warrior		263	48	8	£14-10-0
Nov-16	586-1	Election night/ Trafalgar Square	1 other	221	58		£211-6
Nov-20	586-2	Prince at Barnardo Homes	1 other	193	74		£1-01-0
Nov-23	587-1	Unemployed	7 others	96	10		9-6
Nov-27	587-2	Opening of Parliament	8 others	77	(176)		10-0
Nov-27	587-2	Prince at Chelsea	1 other (not used)	14			10-0
Nov-30	588-1	Lingfield/racing	2 others	35	(50)		£2-10-0
Nov-30	588-1	Earl Cavan wedding	1 other (not used)	83			1-2

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1922							
Dec-04	588-2	Newbury races	2 others	216	(76)		£2-13-0
Dec-04	588-2	Eton Wall Game	1 other	185	(66)		£1-00-3
Dec-04	588-2	Sir Montague Barlow	Not used	38			6-0
Dec-07	589-1	Plunkett wedding	1 other (used 589-2)	120			£1-02-4
Dec-07	589-1	War memorial/Folkestone	Not used	79			£2-00-0
Dec-11	589-2	Plunkett wedding	Used from 589-1	32			
Dec-11	589-2	P.O.W. statue/Aberystwyth		139	44		£7-10-0
Dec-14	590-1	Mussolini visits England		54	15		£1-00-0
Dec-18	590-2	Lord Derby/Cologne		306	81	100	£20-00-0
Dec-21		No story					
Dec-25	591-2	Chelsea v Spurs	1 other (not used)	109			10-0
Dec-28	592-1	Whippet racing	Not used (see 592-2?)	148			£1-05-0
1923							
Jan-01	592-2	Great Gale/Seagulls	1 other+ library	149	24		10-0
Jan-01	592-2	Whippet racing	No picture				£1-05-0
Jan-04	593-1	Football/Wembley	2 others (not used)	189		19-Jun	
Jan-08	593-2	Coursing/AvonValley	1 other	173	42		£4-10-0
Jan-11	594-1	Unemployed/ Trafalgar Square	1 other (not used)	77			8-3
Jan-15	594-2	Twin Guardsmen		119	17		£1-10-0
Jan-15	594-2	Breaking HMSNeptune		223	68	100	£6-10-0
Jan-18	595-1	Football/Huddersfield v Birmingham		165	49		£4-15-0
Jan-18	595-1	Lady Bowes Lyon home	1 other	78		60	£3-10-0
Jan-18	595-1	Lady Bowes Lyon/ Portrait		20		8	
Jan-22	595-2	Football/CrystalPalace	1 other	55	20		7-6
Jan-22	595-2	Glasgow/Student Rag		170	54		£7-00-0
Jan-25	596-1	No story					
Jan-29	596-2	Duke of York at Glasgow		91	39		£3-00-0
Jan-29	596-2	Burns Birthday	Not used	126			£7-10-0
Feb-01	597-1	Duke of York at Glasgow	Territorial (Local)	300	76		£11-00-0
Feb-01	597-1	Grigg-Poynder wedding (?)	3 others (his not used)	38			6-6
Feb-05	597-2	Wales v Scotland/ Cardiff		233	54		£4-00-0
Feb-05	597-2	Horne wedding (?)	2 others (not used)	51	(175)		5-0
Feb-08	598-1	Guards Chapel wedding	1 other (not used)	29			?
Feb-12	598-2	No story					

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1923							
Feb-15	599-1	Cross country run	1 other (held)	135			£1-15-0
Feb-15	599-1	Ashbourne/Shrove Tuesday football	1 other	182	72		£5-00-0
Feb-19	599-2	Final Eton Mile	1 other	108	38		£1-02-0
Feb-19	599-2	Cambridge Lent Races	1 other	66	19		£3-02-10
Feb-22	600-1	Balfour/Edinburgh	+bought-in material	160	55		£14-00-0
Feb 26	600-2	Eton steeplechases	1 other	100	20		£1-00-0
Feb 26	600-2	Wembley Stadium	1 other	151	(51)		£1-00-0
Mar 1	601-1	State entry into Belfast		167	28		£12-00-0
Mar 1	601-1	King and P.O.W. at show	1 other	197	23		15-0
Mar 5	601-2	Princess Mary's baby	1 other (his not used)	26			10-0
Mar 5	601-2	[?] building Strand	1 other (not used)	55			?
Mar 8	602-1	Cambridge	1 other	198	30		£1-14-10
Mar 8	602-1	Islington pony show	Not used	212			18-0
Mar 12	602-2	P.O.W. at Hawthorn Hill	6 others	200	35	(136)	£5-00-0
Mar 12	602-2	Chimney felling	1 other (not used)	99			£1-05-0
Mar 15	603-1	Queen at Kensington		95	40		£1-15-0
Mar 16	603-1	West Ham v Southampton/local	1 other	199	?		£1-10-0
Mar 19	603-2	Spurs v Variety Artists	1 other	97	20		£1-11-0
Mar 19	603-2	Prince at County Hall		98	28		7-6
Mar 22	604-1	Duke of York at Edinburgh		140	64		£15-00-0
Mar 22	604-1	Lincolnshire Handicap	5 others	26	(95)		£6-06-1
Mar 26	604-2	Grand National	15 others	34	(186)		?
Mar 26	604-2	Boat Race	11 others	69	(265)		£2-00-0
Mar 29	605-1	No story					
Apr 2	605-2	Farm strike		268	60		£8-03-3
Apr 2	605-2	Scottish Cup Final	+other material/local	170	70		£9-00-0
Apr 5	606-1	Aberdeen/Fishermen's strike		369	45		£10-00-0
Apr 9	606-2	P.O.W. at Hawthorn Hill	4 others	198	46		?
Apr 9	606-2	Rhondda Valley strike	Not used	144			£7-00-0
Apr 12	607-1	Football/Bolton portraits		400	60		£11-01-4
Apr 16	607-2	West Ham/stadium	1 other (his not used)	106			10-2
Apr 16	607-2	Royal Visit/Cirencester	Not used	134			£3-08-0
Apr 16	607-2	Scottish international	+other material/ local	230	70		£12-10-0
Apr 19	608-1	Cricket at Oval/ portraits	1 other	218	52		10-0

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1923							
Apr 19	608-1	Marble Arch/wedding?	Special	195	?		?
Apr 23	608-2	Royal Wedding cake		176	41		£2-15-6
Apr 23	608-2	Cattle show	No picture	64			£1-05-4
Apr 26	609-1	City and Suburban	6 others	94	(77)		£3-01-0
Apr 26	609-1	Zeebrugge memorial	Not used	132			£11-16-0
Apr 30	609-2	Duke of York's wedding	18 others	204	(287)		£1-00-0
Apr 30	609-2	Cup Final	7 others	510	(243)		£1-03-6
Apr 30	609-2	Bolton team with Cup	Held	38			15-0
May 3	610-1	Duke's honeymoon	3 others	78	(35)		8-4
May 7	610-2	No story					
May 10	611-1	King and Queen in Rome	1 other	250	(129)		£48-14-11
May 14	611-2	King and Queen in Rome		641	238		£35-02-8
May 17	612-1	Sir Hall Caine		40	14		18-2
May 17	612-1	Jubilee Handicap	4 others	20	(54)		£1-03-0
May 21	612-2	No story					
May 24	613-1	King at Aldershot	1 other	318	70		£13-0-11
May 28	613-2	Pageant of manoeuvres		369	90		£8-17-02
May 31	614-1	Prince at Rotherham	1 other	181	(58)	(90)	£5-00-0
May 31	614-1	Prince at Sheffield	1 other	122	(147)		£4-00-0
May 31	614-1	Prince at Bradford	2 others	77	(77)		£3-00-0
Jun 4	614-2	Prince at York	1 other	199	(36)		£3-19-10
Jun 4	614-2	Prince at Leeds	1 other	144	(21)		£4-03-9
Jun 4	614-2	Trooping the Colour	3 others	232	(77)	?	7-6
Jun 7	615-1	The Derby	10 others	236	(275)	(350)	2-05-0
Jun 7	615-1	The Derby	Title	19	?		?
Jun-11	615-2	Cambridge/Rag/Bumping Races	1 other	358	-77		£2-15-0
Jun 11	615-2	The Oaks	5 others	174	(133)		£2-03-6
Jun 14	616-1	King and Queen in East End	1 other	78	37		2-15-0
Jun 14	616-1	Prince at Birmingham	1 other	302	(87)		£12-14-0
Jun 18	616-2	Prince at Stratford-on-Avon	1 other	391	(36)		£6-00-0
Jun 21	617-1	Ascot	8 others	184	(255)		£2-02-6
Jun 25	617-2	Ascot Gold Cup	5 others	53	(97)		£1-03-0
Jun 25	617-2	Searchlight Tattoo	Not used	131			£4-00-0
Jun 28	618-1	Theatrical Garden Party		230	49		£1-01-6

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1923							
Jul 2	618-2	Harrow Pageant		198	42		£1-10-0
Jul 2	618-2	Rehearsal Air Pageant	1 other	187	(54)		?
Jul 5	619-1	Labour Party		213	57		£2-03-4
Jul 5	619-1	Prince of Wales at Guy's	Not used	153			11-6
Jul 9	619-2	Prince in Newcastle		430	69		£10-13-6
Jul 12	620-1	Prince at [?] College		135	51		12-3
Jul 12	620-1	Aeroplane smash	Not used	94			£1-16-1
Jul 16	620-2	Peterborough fox hound show		218	31		£2-17-6
Jul 16	620-2	Mrs Asquith as Queen Bess		154	38		£2-8-10
Jul 16	620-2	Wingfield Hospital Special		175	?		?
Jul 19	621-1	King at Westminster Hall	Not used	58			9-0
Jul 23	621-2	Duke of York/Fresh Air Fund		118	48		£1-01-6
Jul 26	622-1	King and Britannia	1 other	279	(74)		£3-04-4
Jul 26	622-1	Prince of Wales on Warspite		194	48		11-0
Jul 30	622-2	Launch of Cromer lifeboat		132	43		£3-10-9
Jul 30	622-2	Parliamentary cricket	1 other (not used)	160			18-9
Aug 2	623-1	King and Queen at Wandsworth	1 other (not used)	22			£1-00-3
Aug 2	623-1	Stewards Cup	4 others	143	(127)		18-6
Aug 6	623-2	Prince at Tottenham	1 other	40	(39)		£2-11-11
Aug 6	623-2	Catholic congress/ Birmingham	Not used	155			£2-14-8
Aug 9	624-1	Swimmer		51	23		£2-17-3
Aug 9	624-1	Maidenhead Regatta	Not used (see 626-1)	149			£1-14-9
Aug 13	624-2	Winnie Melville wedding	1 other (not used)	29			?
Aug 16	625-1	Lloyd George/Wrexham		102	23		£5-02-2
Aug 16	625-1	Frinton tennis tournament	Held (used 625-2)	300			£2-18-6
Aug 20	625-2	Banana Queen		46	16		11-3
Aug 20	625-2	Frinton tennis	From 625-1		59		
Aug 20	625-2	Wedding	1 other	164	(50)		£3-18-1
Aug 23	626-1	Motor football/Camberley		169	40		£1-19-7
Aug 23	626-1	Maidenhead Regatta	Used from 624-1	43			
Aug 27	626-2	Grasmere sports	Not used (used in 627-2)	191			£6-15-9
Aug 27	626-2	Dock strike	No picture				18-10
Aug 30	627-1	No story					
Sep 3	627-2	Launch of Penzance lifeboat		147	33		£6-10-6

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1923							
Sep 3	627-2	Grasmere sports	Used from 626-2	66			
Sep 6	628-1	No story					
Sep 10	628-2	Prince of Wales leaves for Canada		85	10		£2-16-10
Sep 10	628-2	Hopping in Kent		124	48		£3-18-6
Sep 10	628-2	Not Forgotten League	Not used	23			5-0
Sep 13	629-1	Wembley foundation stone	Not used?	57			15-8
Sep 13	629-1	Steeplechasing Folkestone	2 others (not used)	137			£1-13-4
Sep 13	629-1	Sir John [?]	Not used	?			15-2
Sep 17	629-2	St Leger	4 others	75	(109)		£4-3-10
Sep 20	630-1	Carpentier in training		239	40		£1-19-2
Sep 20	630-1	Air smash	Not used	115			£1-18-4
Sep 24	630-2	German floating dock		149	62		£8-13-6
Sep 27	631-1	Spurs v Bolton	1 other (Not used)	118			£1-13-0
Sep 27	631-1	Coster [?] sports/Herne Hill		109	109		19-11
Oct 1	631-2	Baldwin at Northampton		214	37		£2-12-4
Oct 1	631-2	Brooklands	1 other (not used)	182			19-7
Oct 4	632-1	Lloyd George to U.S.A.		165	(46)	80	£10-07-1
Oct 4	632-1	Lloyd George on Mauretania		145	see above		see above
Oct 8	632-2	Wedding of Lord Leigh		52	11		5-0
Oct 8	632-2	R.A.F. school		89	47		£1-00-4
Oct-08	632-2	Kennel Club show/Crystal Palace	3 lengths of film	345	37		13-8
Oct 11	633-1	Lifeboats/Fishguard		304	77		£3-19-1
Oct 11	633-1	General Smuts at Wembley	Not used	148			16-8
Oct 15	633-2	Woman jockey at Newmarket	2 others	101	(94)		£4-15-11
Oct 15	633-2	Opening of Law Courts	Not used	92			4-0
Oct 18	634-1	Duke of York Handicap	3 others	38	(42)		11-0
Oct 18	634-1	Duke of Devonshire	Not used	15			£5-04-1
Oct 22	634-2	Storm/Sandgate Castle		102	41		£1-18-10
Oct 22	634-2	Cesarewitch	3 others	139	(70)		£1-14-8
Oct 22	634-2	Colchester/Oysters	Not used	84			£1-14-7
Oct 25	635-1	Trafalgar Day		292	55		£1-01-9
Oct 29	635-2	Barts Fleet St Week [?]	1 other	80	(46)		11-0
Oct 29	635-2	Imperial Conference Held		167		50	5-0
Nov 1	636-1	Sandown Park races	2 others (Not used)	77			18-6

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1923							
Nov 5	636-2	Cambridgeshire	4 others	145	(89)		?
Nov 5	636-2	Princess Mary/Newmarket	Not used	100			?
Nov 8	637-1	Bonar Law's funeral	4 others/3 lengths	149	(75)		?
Nov 8	637-1	Fleet at Spithead	1 other	263	(93)		?
Nov 12	637-2	Lord Mayor's Show	4 others	97	(41)		?
Nov 12	637-2	P.O.W. at Winchester	Local/Royal Theatre/Held	491			?
Nov 15	638-1	Armistice Day	8 others	292	(272)		?