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Stacey Dooley will follow a group of Ukrainian nationals as they learn how to attack and survive on the frontline against Russia for a new BBC documentary.

Dooley is no stranger to frontline investigations, having previously embedded herself in the all-female Yazidi battalion in *Stacey on the Frontline: Girls, Guns and ISIS*. But her new feature-length documentary *Stacey Dooley: Ready For War?* will bring her closer to home.

The Ukrainian civilians first arrive in Britain to engage in five weeks of the British Army's rigorous training programme. Dooley will see first-hand the emotional and physical challenges the young recruits go through as they learn survival skills and fighting strategies.

One of the trainees preparing for deployment is florist and gardener Mykola, who tells Stacey he wants victory so he can return to Ukraine and marry his girlfriend. He will be joining members of his family already on the frontline.

Brian Woods, Executive Producer, said: "Arriving in the UK, these men have no idea what they are about to go through. Both trainers and trainees know that in just over a month, the lives of every recruit on that course depends on what they have learnt in a dauntingly short time."

Dooley added: "These raw recruits go through one of the most relentless training programmes the British Army has ever devised. The Ukrainian men I came to know over a few short weeks were incredibly impressive. I think of them every day and hope their training will keep them alive."

The 60-minute one-off special, *Stacey Dooley: Ready for War*, is expected to air on BBC Three and iPlayer in April 2023.