

BRISTOL TRAINS TO BEAT A-BOMB

Bristol has been atom-bombed. Hard-pressed Civil Defence workers check with Geiger counters for deadly rays: but after 48 hours of blitz as well they need help. Roads are blocked, communications wrecked and the men nearly exhausted. But the work must go on. Fires must be quelled, the trapped rescued.

This is the first try-out of a new flying-column plan to help in blitzes. 1500 men in Dorset and Wiltshire stand by while their commander, Colonel Gough, flies in to ask C.D. heads where help is needed.

Brought as near as possible by lorries, the column marches in. Besides engineers, medical squads and despatch riders it provides even cooks. Hitler provided the devastated areas.

It's a real test with fake casualties skilfully hidden. Civil Defence recruiting lags badly - perhaps because many think it would be useless in an atom attack. Here's the answer: If that were so, the Army wouldn't waste its time like this. In fact, C.D. is the backbone of our defences.