

WHERE'S THAT FIRE?

The new Fire Service Training Centre at Reigate is opened by the Home Secretary, Major Gwilym Lloyd-George. Mr. A.H. Johnstone, Chief Officer of the Surrey Fire Brigade is with him. A hundred selected volunteers from all over the country are starting a six months' course which will train them to commando fitness, and teach them to handle equipment never used before.

Fire is a merciless enemy, and those who fight it must be as tough, and as well-equipped, as soldiers in battle. Bravery alone is not enough; they must know exactly what to do, and they must have the right tools to do it with.

These extending ladders reach tremendous heights, while remaining rigid and secure. Carrying unconscious, or even frightened survivors down one of these calls for nerves of steel - and perfect training. Here's another method of rescue.

Rank-and-file firemen are not the only people who will learn from this school. With its dummy buildings and up-to-date facilities, it will enable the Fire Service to try out new equipments and develop new drills more thoroughly than ever before. Lessons which could only be learned in fighting real fires may now be mastered before the fires start.

A hundred jets at once provide a spectacular climax to the opening of Britain's university for firemen.