

DOOM TOWN.

This is Doom Town - a desert of wrecked houses on the Cumberland coast, where men battle grimly against fire and smoke, where rescue squads check each other cautiously for radioactivity, the deadly aftermath of an atom bomb. This is what nuclear warfare means.

Yes, it's all make-believe - but it's make-believe as realistic as the Army and the Home Office can make it. Here, at Milcom (a disused wartime R.A.F. station) they have built Britain's biggest mobile defence training centre, where thousands of National Servicemen a year will spend the last month of their service, learning all there is to know about rescue methods in the atomic age.

Casualties are carefully made up to simulate real injuries and after rescue the realism is continued with treatment at the first-aid post.

Army and R.A.F. both send men for training at Milcom. The job of dealing with wrecked buildings is one that can only be learned by doing it, and if atom war should come, classroom experts would not be enough. Milcom is a dead town - for the safety of Britain, it's doing a live job.