

R.A.F. GET ROCKET.

65 feet high stand the Thor Rockets at Feltwell, Norfolk. Now equipped with 45 of them, soon to have 60, the R.A.F. demonstrated the drill by which the rockets can be raised, fuelled and launched in fifteen minutes. America supplied them, each one costing more than a million pounds.

Commanding at Feltwell, is Group Captain Frank Willan. He and other officers saw the first Thors reach firing position. Tests in America have established that these Intermediate Range Ballistic Missiles can reach targets more than seventeen-hundred miles distant, in about seventeen minutes. Security is 100% tight. Each man wears his own photograph. They're all hand picked, for today the rocket bases are Britain's first line of defence. Their business is to deter the enemy.

The firing control caravans, the launch control officer and his colleagues. It's time now to fuel the Thor by feeding in the liquid oxygen. This is how it was done in America, where the R.A.F. fired their first one.

Even in practice count downs those present sense the terrific drama; man in control of scientific forces undreamt of hitherto. The R.A.F. Thor was on its way.