

ELSTREE FIRE.

FILM STUDIOS DESTROYED.

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Picture.:- The greatest film studios fire in the history of British films. Glamorous Elstree, or five acres of it, is destroyed. A few hours before 12.15 midnight, when the fire broke out, idols of the screen were strutting the studio floors looking as wonderful among the artificial sets as ugly film stars can look.

Elstree Studios very own fire-engine was on the job, and there it is. Every picture tells a story.

Of course it was ably assisted by nine other brigades. Half a

million pounds worth of damage was done, but three-quarters of a million

pounds worth of films and material were saved, despite the terrific heat radiated from the blazing

masses of inflammable material, and the net work of red hot melting girders. One fireman was gassed,

and another received injuries, but otherwise the human element escaped. The brigades

did remarkable work in isolating the adjoining studios of another firm and avoiding complete destruction.