

They've called it Doomtoun; in the midst of it is a tower containing an atomic device twice as powerful as the bomb that wiped out Hiroshima --- equal to <sup>NEARLY</sup> ~~about~~ forty thousand tons of TNT. The town is peopled with dummies made of fibre-glass and stocked with a million dollars' worth of food and goods --- to see what happened to them. Tanks --- manned by live crews --- move in to test the effect of atomic explosions on troops in the battlefield. The nearest --- only <sup>about</sup> ~~three~~ thousand yards from what <sup>'s</sup> ~~was~~ called "ground zero". Infantry ~~take~~ take up their positions in dug-out trenches. The nearest of these ~~was~~ only about a mile and a half from the explosion.

Doomtown awaits its doomsday.

In the blaze of powerful lights --- observers take their places and are briefed; what --- and what not --- to do.

The camera is set --- and the second-hand approaches the hour.

At a signal --- the tanks move in; --- with guns blazing in a counter-attack.

Sunlight spreads across the sky --- and helicopters move in, too.

From the well-known mushroom --- the cloud changes to a weird new shape --- like some prehistoric beast.

During the explosion, another camera looked back --- to show how the glare blazed above those desolate flats of the Nevada Desert.

Yet another camera was trained upon the waiting troops --- and automatically kept on turning as a dust-storm followed in the wake of the blast.

After the explosion, Civil Defence experts and troops moved in to measure the effect; and the absence of protective covering --- suggests that the radio-activity following this atomic blast is far less than hitherto.

The dummies that were not placed in special shelters had obviously had it --- and the blast had a shattering effect on objects and dummies in the open. But the most staggering eye-witness evidence of what happens directly in the path of an atomic explosion, is given by the automatic, protected cameras ~~xxxxxxx~~ in the pictures that follow. Luckily --- it's a peace-time test; but this is what happened --- in the main streets of Doomtwn.