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THE MAN with his finger on the trigger fires burst after burst from his Sterling machine gun.

Normally the sound would be ear-shattering but the men at his side go on talking without difficulty. Even the gunman himself is not disturbed by the racket he is making.

All three are wearing new, electronically controlled ear-muffs developed at the Government's Explosives Research and Development Establishment, Waltham Abbey, and manufactured by Cosmocord, Ltd., to safeguard the hearing of people who have to work with explosives

or particularly noisy machinery.

The ear-muffs are designed to prevent damaging noise from reaching the wearer's eardrums. Any noise that rises to a dangerous level is instantly and automatically muffled. Yet as soon as the danger is passed the wearer can carry on a normal conversation with a colleague equipped with the same apparatus.

The muffs, at present undergoing tests, are expected to have world-wide application in industry—and also to safeguard the hearing of young Servicemen learning to use rifles and other noisy weapons