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## Silver axe award

THREE firemen at the Explosives Research Development Establishment, Waltham Abbey, including one from Bishop's Stortford, got a lift last Wednesday when they were presented with silver axes for their training achievements.

The three—Louis Courtney, 35, of Gews Corner, Cheshunt; Colin Brooks, 31, of Sidney Terrace, Bishop's Stortford; and Harold Hammonds, 39, of Coopers Hill, Ongar, were presented with the axes for being the best all-round students on Ministry of Defence six-week courses.

The firemen's course involves written, oral and practical examinations.

Mr Brooks and Mr Hammonds also took part in a leading firemen's course and were awarded flame emblems for gaining top honours.

