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A cut above the others . . .

THREE firemen at the Explosives Research Development Establishment in Waltham Abbey got a lift last week when they were presented with silver axes for their training achievements.

The three, Louis Courtney (pictured right), 35, of Gews Corner, Cheshunt, Colin Brooks (centre), 31, of Sidney Terrace, Bishop's Stortford, and Harold Hammonds (left), 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.

Both Mr Brooks and Mr Hammonds were previously in the Essex County Brigade. Mr Courtney was formerly in the Royal Marines.

