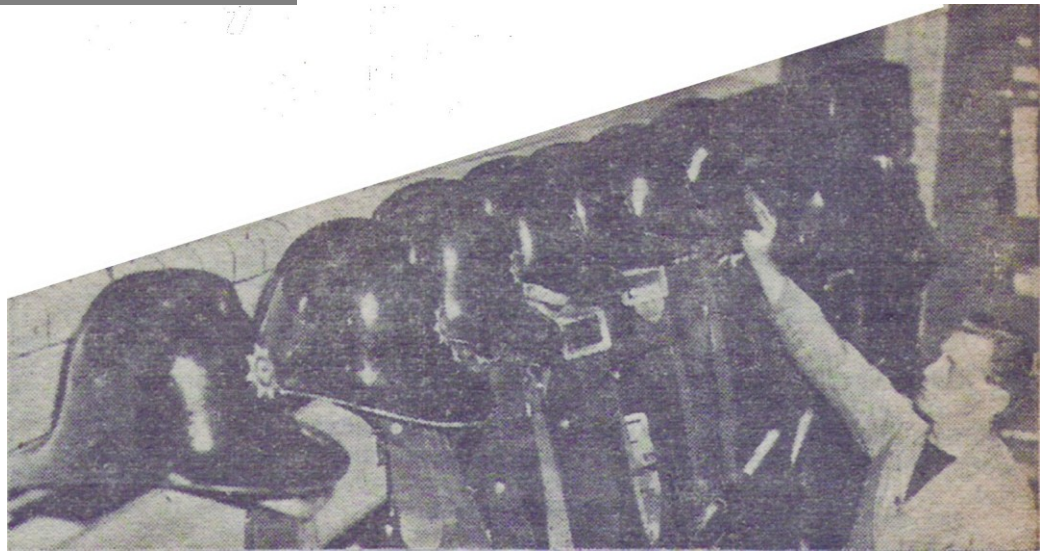


A fireman's lot

IT'S a life offering interest, excitement and a perpetual challenge to the individual.

But in case you should think that men of the Fire Brigade just sit down waiting for fires to occur, we sent our cameraman, Arthur Benjamin, to investigate what goes on behind the big closed doors while waiting for a call.



It seems there are a dozen and one things a fireman has to do and know besides directing a jet of water on to a blaze.

In fact, the fireman is a very versatile and highly skilled man in his profession.

EQUIPMENT must be tested for perfection. This is done daily, and is part of the duty man's routine. Here is Fireman Hague wearing the apparatus.

A RECRUIT in the training and testing of equipment gets expert training from the duty officer, Station Officer Cornish (second left), in the very important procedure of breathing apparatus as worn by a duty fireman on the right.



Top Photo: Bill Roberts

Centre Left: John Hague

Bottom Left to Right: Jimmy Green; Archie Cornish (junior); John Hague; Les Sawyer; John Parnham.

THE NERVE CENTRE of brigade headquarters with its many panels and operators. Here is a section of one panel, with the hand of the mobilising officer pressing the "alarm bell" to set the emergency into operation.

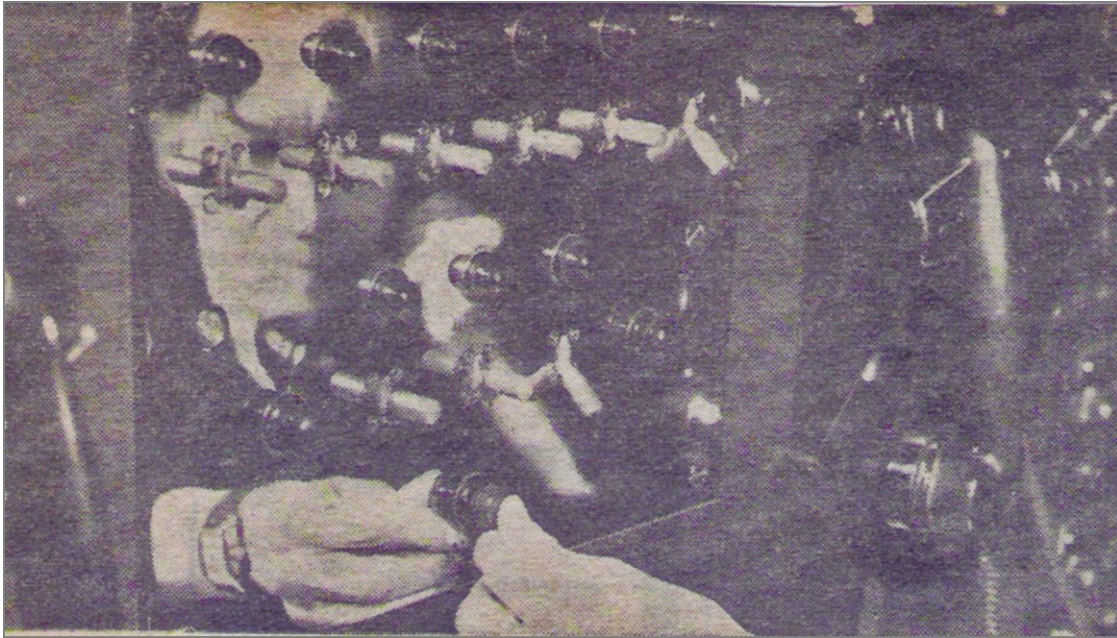
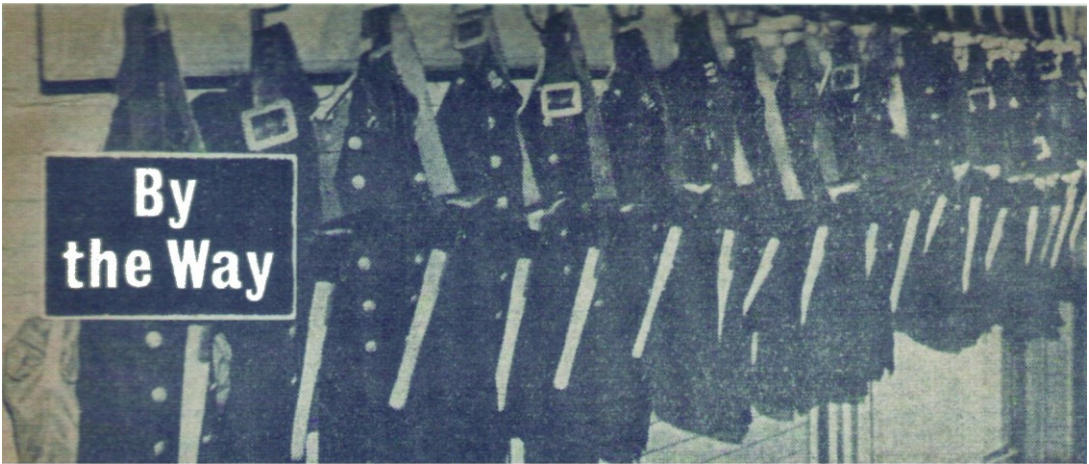


Photo shows a reflection of Tiger Morton

ON the alarm, the fireman makes his quickest way down to the engine room via the pole chute.



Photo shows Jimmy Green



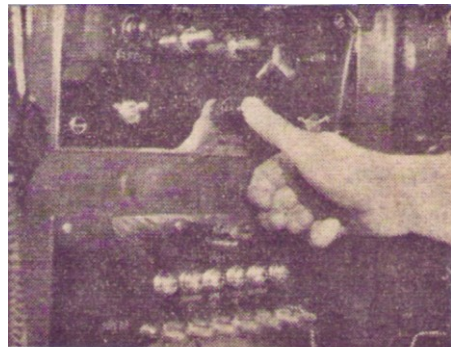
Ready to Go...



ON THE WAY . . .



At work on some of the station's two miles of hose.



Prelude to a drama . . .



At work on breathing apparatus.

On the right: Ron Weston