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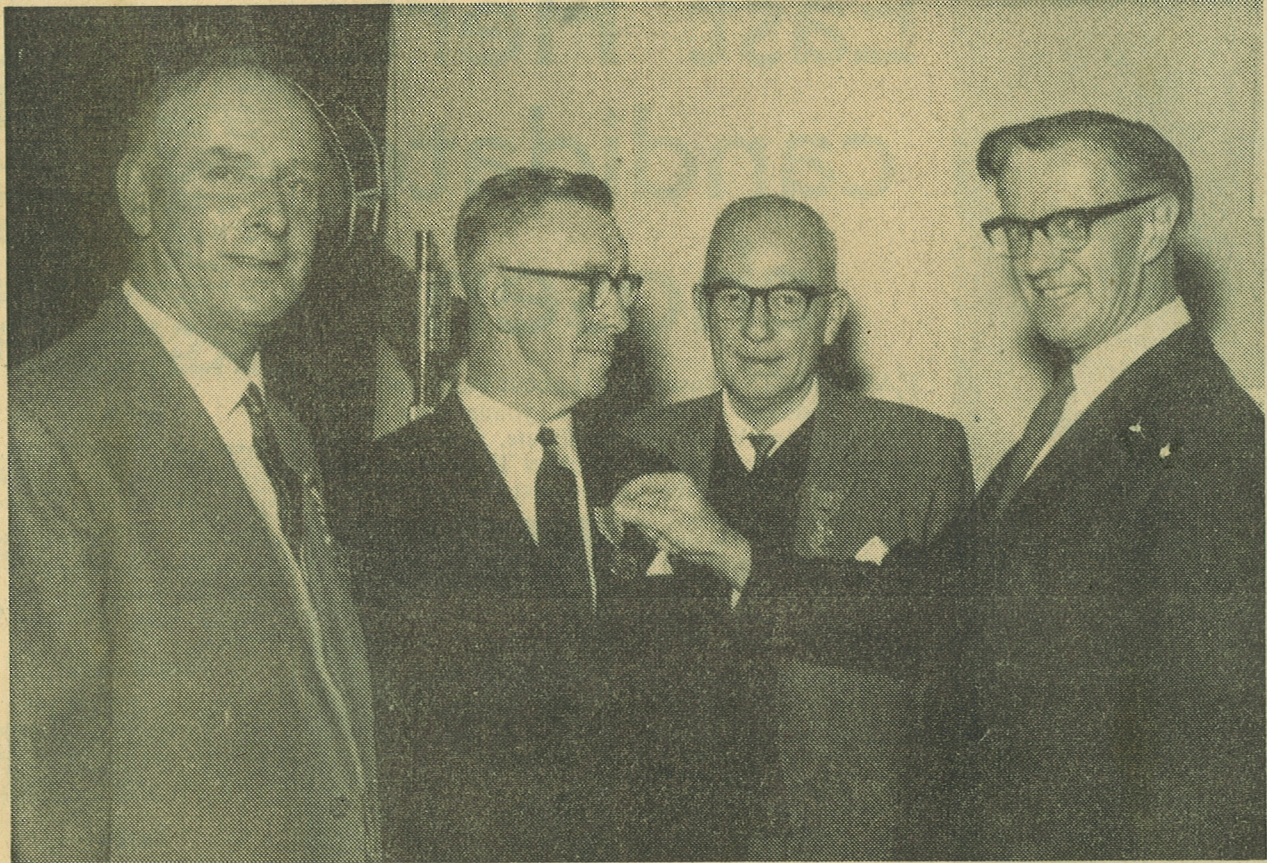
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## Long-service awards for E.R.D.E. employees

**THREE** Waltham Abbey men were presented with long-service awards at the Explosives Research and Development Establishment, at Waltham Abbey last week.

Two of them — Mr. J. H. Hyde, of 13 Paradise Road, and Mr. H. J. Lawrence, of 61 Woollard Street — received the Imperial Service Medal.

The other — Mr. W. Thornhill, of 48 Maple Springs — was awarded the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

The men received their medals from the director of the establishment, Dr. L. J. Bellamy.

Mr. Lawrence joined

E.R.D.E. in 1934 . . . and has worked there ever since. He has spent many of his years in the chemical engineering branch, where, at the moment, he is an experimental worker.

One of Mr. Lawrence's most frightening experiences was during the last war when a rocket fell not far from where he was working. Fortunately he was not hurt.

His father worked at E.R.D.E. for a total of 34

years, and his son has recently joined the establishment.

Mr. Hyde has worked at E.R.D.E. for a total of 32 years. He is at present employed as an experimental worker in the propellants branch.

He also has family connections with the establishment — his father-in-law worked there for over 30 years and his son-in-law also works there.

### Fireman

Mr. Thornhill joined the Royal Gunpowder Factory as a fireman in 1941. After two years he was withdrawn by the Ministry of Labour and was transferred to the aircraft industry.

He returned to E.R.D.E. as a labourer in 1950. Two years later he again joined the fire brigade, where he still works.

Mr. Thornhill, who has now completed 20 years with E.R.D.E., also spends a lot of his off-duty hours at the establishment . . . fishing.

Three other employees also received Imperial Service Medals.

They were Mr. C. S. Dolman, of 15 Elsing Road, Enfield, 32 years' service; Mr. S. W. King, of 183 Landsdowne Road, Tottenham, 41 years' service (now retired); and Mr. A. A. Sabey, of 152 Forest Road, Loughton, 30 years' service (also retired).

Medal winners, left to right, Mr. J. H. Hyde, Mr. W. Thornhill, Mr. H. J. Lawrence, with E.R.D.E. director Dr. L. J. Bellamy.