



20 SECOND SAVER

Purpose of this hose carrier is to reduce the time it takes to get the FSK into commission. The carrier is made of heavy duck or similar material and steel wire is inserted around the edge of each half to give it some rigidity. Two rows of hose are placed in the basket in the usual manner and the remainder is rolled up into a double doughnut and placed in the carrier which is secured to the top of the basket with a strap and quick release buckle as shown. No special technique is involved in putting this into operation. If the Fire Suppression Kit is more than 75 feet from the fire, the nozzle man merely runs until he feels the pull on the hose, which indicates that all of the hose is out of the basket. At this point the nozzle man drops the carrier with the hose in it and takes up his position; at the same time the rescue man turns

on the valve. The pressure of the agent will automatically unroll the rest of the hose. If the FSK is set down fairly close to the fire, the nozzle man may have to angle out before dropping the carrier. This carrier has been used on every practice fire for the past year and at no time did the hose get fouled up. Users found that this system cuts 15-20 seconds from the normal time to get the FSK into operation.

Practically no additional weight was added to the helicopter by the canvas carrier which is presently being evaluated by Air Rescue Service. Holding the hose carrier and nozzle is TSgt. George A. Payne, who received the Air Force Commendation Medal for jumping from the helicopter into Lake Texoma to help rescue three youths. (USAF photo)