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The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the undermentioned appointments to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for the following Awards of the George Medal and of the British Empire Medal, and for the publication in the London Gazette of the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

To be an Additional Commander of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Howell Lang Lang-Coath, Town Clerk and A.R.P. Controller, County Borough of Swansea.

Mr. Lang-Coath has taken a keen interest in the organisation of the A.R.P. Services. It was due to his leadership and to his efforts that the whole Civil Defence organisation in Swansea was able to function so efficiently during the heavy air raids on that city.

Mr. Lang-Coath has shown magnificent organising ability in the most trying circumstances.

To be an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Frank Joseph May, Chief Constable, Swansea.

Mr. May displayed great gallantry and fine leadership during the heavy air raids on Swansea. He was constantly in the main target area during the height of the attacks, inspiring the members of his Force and of the Fire and other Services by his courage and resource. His prompt action in dealing with the shelter arrangements undoubtedly saved thousands of lives.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Gladys Ruth Ellis, Matron, Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Women.

During a raid on Bristol the Nurses Home at the Bristol Children's Hospital received a direct hit from a bomb. Another fell within a few feet of the Hospital itself. The water and electric mains were broken and the emergency lighting disorganised.

By the light of a few candles, amid splintered glass and falling ceilings, the patients and staff were evacuated, without panic or accident, in the brief space of two hours.

In spite of the fact that she had been severely shaken by blast the Matron took command of the situation and the staff, under her direction, behaved magnificently.

To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—

Kenneth William Cripps Sinclair-Loutit,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, A.R.P.
Casualty Service, Finsbury.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Richard John Fox	} Leaders, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Finsbury.
George Frederick Harris	

H.E. bombs demolished a building, causing casualties in a basement shelter. Dr. Loutit gave invaluable assistance in determining the exact position of the victims and, for a period of over twenty-seven hours, he was in constant attendance on these casualties as contact was made with them by tunnelling. He administered medical aid and tube feeding, and assisted in their final rescue.

All live casualties were removed except two women who were in the debris at the rear of the basement. Progress had been made towards them but this was slow as there was room for one man only to work at a time. Harris and Fox worked alternately in the tunnel, excavating debris by hand. As it was essential that the rescue should be effected with the utmost speed, such safety measures as temporary propping or strutting were ignored and this added greatly to the danger. Dr. Loutit advised and assisted in the extrication of these women.

Fox and Harris are cool, wise and courageous Leaders of Rescue Parties and continually risk their lives in carrying out their duties.

Marian Edith, Mrs. Boulton, Matron, Sir Robert Geffery's Homes, Mottingham.

When a wing of the Sir Robert Geffery's Homes was set on fire as result of enemy action, Mrs. Boulton entered the burning building and rescued two elderly women, both of whom had been unable, on account of age or infirmity, to make use of the shelter provided for the Residents.

Mrs. Boulton showed remarkable courage and coolness in risking her life to effect these rescues and afterwards continued to direct the removal of the inmates of another wing.

Albert William Brittan, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Greenwich.

Five persons were trapped by the debris of a collapsed building.

Brittan crawled through the wreckage and brought out a baby. He then moved a door and beams which were obstructing his way. found the mother of the child and carried her out to safety. By crawling and forcing his way further, Brittan rescued one person and recovered the body of another. Whilst doing this the roof of the adjoining house collapsed and almost buried him. With absolute disregard of his own safety he carried on and finally released the last casualty, a man who was pinned down by floor joists. Brittan was under the debris for five hours without relief and displayed initiative, resource, and a high courage. Through his exertions four persons were rescued alive.

George Cox, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Finsbury.

On many occasions Cox has been responsible for the rescue of casualties trapped in demolished buildings. He has risked his life repeatedly when tunnelling beneath debris and on one occasion, after effecting the release of four people buried in a basement, was himself trapped and injured.

Cox, whether on or off duty, has shown initiative, skill, courage and perseverance.

Frederick Charles Dickason, Watchman, Bristol.

A building was struck by a H.E. bomb which partly demolished it and trapped a man. Dickason, who was acting as Watchman, at once went to his companion's assistance and was engaged in extricating him when an incendiary bomb fell, starting a fire inside the building. Dickason continued his work of rescue notwithstanding the danger of the fire and of other bombs which were dropping nearby. There was every possibility of being trapped himself by further falls of debris but he managed to release the casualty and then succeeded in extinguishing the fire. This he did at great personal risk and did not leave the building until he was satisfied that there was no danger of adjacent premises being affected.

Dickason, who is over 67 years of age, showed great courage.

William Thomas Fenn,	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bethnal Green.
Leader.	
Samuel Simmonds,	
Member.	

Hearing a bomb drop nearby Simmonds, although off duty, at once ran to the scene of the incident. Despite the fact that a fire, fed by gas, was raging only three yards away, he located trapped persons in a basement, dug a hole with his hands and finally broke through the side wall of the basement. He entered and released two men, one of whom was seriously affected by gas fumes. Part of the basement was flooded by water to a depth of three feet and there was a strong escape of gas. After searching, he discovered the stopcock and succeeded in stopping the flow of water. Subsequently he found another man. Simmonds succeeded in freeing him before being himself overcome by gas fumes. Leader Fenn then arrived and took over.

Under his instructions the party rapidly dug down into the debris and made a hole in the side of the basement. Fenn entered this and found two men whom he carried on his back, one after the other, to the exit. These rescues called for considerable effort for the tunnel did not allow him to stand and he was compelled to crawl. On returning to make further search, he found a third man. Fenn lay on his back and with great skill removed the dangerous debris until the injured man was freed. Fenn managed to pull him on to his own stomach and, in that position, edged his way back to the exit hole. Fenn was suffering from the effects of coal-gas but on being informed by the released man of another casualty still down

there, he insisted on going back and crawled through the debris for over fifteen feet. Leader Fenn's rescue of the trapped man was particularly courageous for he faced the possibility of being crushed and buried by a mass of rubble which threatened to subside at any moment.

Ernest Frederick Gilbert, War Reserve Police Constable.	} Metropolitan Police.
George Whitmore, Police Constable.	

Henry James Hicks, A.R.P. Post Warden, Camberwell.

During an air raid a man and his wife were trapped in the basement of a three-storey house which had collapsed. Most of the debris was resting on the ceiling of the basement, part of which had fallen in. P.C. Whitmore, accompanied by War Reserve Gilbert and other officers arrived, and were joined by Mr. Hicks and the man was quickly freed.

In order to reach the woman, Whitmore, Hicks and Gilbert working together, burrowed with their bare hands. Piece by piece the debris was removed and handed back. Whitmore directed and assisted his helpers to shore up the tunnel as they worked their way. Several times masonry was dislodged but after a great effort they were able to reach the woman who was pinned down by a marble slab and an iron bar. With much difficulty these were removed and she was passed over the prone bodies of the men to officers at the other end of the tunnel.

During the time the three men were in the tunnel there was every likelihood of it collapsing and burying them under tons of debris. They were well aware of this but without any thought for their own safety, they worked on until the woman was released.

Peter John Ethelbert Inglis, Clerk of Works, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Deptford.

A bomb exploded between two houses, forming a crater and throwing masses of earth and debris over the respective basements in which several persons were trapped.

Under the direction of Inglis a tunnel was made from the side of the crater into one of the basements. A serious danger was encountered by the uncovering of a live electric cable. This obstacle was negotiated and the work of tunnelling proceeded. The basement was filling with gas from a broken pipe, but two girls were successfully extricated.

Operations to reach the casualties in the second basement were rendered more difficult by the unsound state of the walls and the constant danger of their collapse. Inglis again started tunnelling and directed the careful removal of the heavier debris from above the trapped casualties. This basement was also filling with gas from a broken pipe.

After twelve hours extremely difficult and dangerous work, during the whole of which time a heavy air raid was in progress, the rescue of seven persons was effected.

Charles James Kent, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hull.

A house was demolished and people trapped. Kent crawled into the wreckage and passed out debris until he could worm his way to the trapped people. He succeeded in making the area large enough to enable him to work in a kneeling position. Calling for a saw he managed to cut through some timbers and then, by means of jacks, succeeded in lifting the floor and debris enough to release the casualties.

Kent showed courage and resource in effecting this difficult rescue which was made more dangerous by a tottering gable which might have collapsed at any moment.

Charles George Toni Mann, Police Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A man was trapped, thirty feet from the ground, on the first floor of a house which had been partially demolished by a bomb. A ladder was placed against the wall but this only reached about eighteen feet, leaving a gap between the top of the ladder and the window. It was feared that the house would collapse at any moment, but P.C. Mann mounted the ladder and, on reaching the top rung, flattened himself against the wall. He was still unable to reach the window ledge but managed to stretch upwards a little higher by placing his right foot on the damaged framework of the ground floor window. The man was then encouraged to climb out backwards and gradually lower himself. The constable took most of the man's weight on his right hand and lowered him on to his shoulders. P.C. Mann then climbed down the ladder to safety. The least mistake by the Constable would have resulted in both men being severely injured. Mann displayed cool courage and resource in the face of danger and difficulty.

Andrew Nures Nabarro, Leading Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Houses were demolished by a high explosive bomb, and fires broke out. Two people were trapped beneath the debris in which a gas main was burning furiously. Nabarro took charge of the operations and, despite great danger from collapsing buildings, the people were rescued and the fires brought under control.

It was entirely due to Nabarro's courageous efforts that the lives of these persons were saved.

He then went to other fires and showed initiative in finding and organising water supplies. This resulted in the saving of much valuable property.

Albert George Chappel Palmer, Labourer, A.R.P. Rescue Party, St. Pancras.

When a house was hit by a bomb Palmer showed total disregard of personal safety in his efforts to release a woman trapped between collapsed floors. Forcing his way through a small hole, he crawled under a mass of brick debris and flooring which was in imminent danger of further collapse. He remained by the casualty in a dangerous and cramped position, shielding

her from falling masonry dislodged by efforts to reach them from above. When his party was relieved he declined to give up and remained until the woman was finally released some three hours later. The conditions under which this man worked were extremely dangerous and he displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

Ruby Eiryles Megan Rosser, Staff Nurse, Grove Park Hospital, Lee.

A high explosive bomb struck Grove Park Hospital. Nurse Ruby Rosser immediately rushed to the bedside of a patient and protected the body and injured head of the sick person from the falling debris. She remained at her post until it was possible for the patient and herself to be rescued through a window, despite the fact that the ceiling, together with the floor and equipment of the ward above, continued to fall in to the room and there was obvious danger that the whole roof might collapse on top of them. By her brave action Nurse Rosser saved her charge from further serious injury.

Edward Heslop Smith, Chief A.R.P. Warden, Poplar.

A H.E. bomb wrecked a building and the main gas line was broken and ablaze, lighting up the sky and endangering the adjoining premises. It was not possible to turn off the gas from outside. Chief Warden Smith immediately climbed into the wreckage, removing fallen debris as he went. He ran the grave risk of being crushed beneath the parts of the roof and ceiling still crashing down, or of being trapped by the fire.

Without regard for his personal safety he set to work to stem the flames and get the gas under control. After half an hour he succeeded.

Smith's courage and self-sacrifice prevented a very serious spreading of the fire and saved the district from possible disaster.

Robert Norman Smith, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bristol.

A house was completely demolished by a bomb and the inhabitants were buried beneath the debris. Mr. Smith went to the scene with his Rescue Party and commenced tunnelling. This was accomplished only with great difficulty as a fractured gas main was burning in the cellar. Smith worked for about four hours using his bare hands and refusing to take rest. His cool leadership was remarkable and his clear grasp of the situation and the way in which he directed operations were outstanding. Due very largely to his untiring labours and foresight, two people were brought out alive.

Leader Smith on this and other nights has shown courage and devotion to duty.

John Allan Stephenson, A.R.P. Warden, Holborn.

Leonard Wilfred Thorne, Police Constable, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A heavy bomb wrecked buildings and set them on fire, and a burst water main flooded the streets.

Police Constable Thorne was standing in a shop doorway at the time of the explosion and was thrown by the blast into the roadway. Although badly shaken he telephoned a report of the incident and commenced searching wrecked premises for casualties.

Hearing cries for help coming from a public house, he climbed over the wreckage to search for victims. He was joined by Warden Stephenson and together they released three men who had been trapped. Whilst the rescue work was in progress, pieces of brickwork and masonry frequently dropped from the upper floors of the building, which appeared likely to collapse at any moment. The building next door was on fire and Thorne and Stephenson, despite the heat and smoke, went into the building to search for casualties. They found a man beneath debris and Thorne immediately assisted him, Stephenson going to another part of the building where he heard a woman crying for help.

Thorne had almost succeeded in getting the man out, when a further part of the structure collapsed and nearly buried the individual again. He went to work a second time and after about an hour finally succeeded in extricating the man. Thorne then searched other damaged buildings for further casualties.

Burning debris frequently dropped close at hand, heat and smoke made conditions almost unbearable, and water from hoses drenched the men to the skin.

Robert Don Stewart, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, St. Pancras.

Outstanding courage and disregard of personal safety were shown by Leader Stewart in his efforts to release injured people from a vault shelter in front of premises wrecked by a bomb. A passenger bus had been thrown end up against the house, the back crashing through the pavement and pinning the casualties in the vault beneath. Lying at an angle, the bus acted as a shore supporting the damaged front wall of the house. Rescue work under these obviously dangerous conditions called for considerable courage and initiative. Stewart without hesitation volunteered. The removal of debris was liable to bring the bus down upon him, together with the wall it supported. Two people were released by Leader Stewart and only when he had ascertained that the remaining casualties were dead did he desist.

George Henry Wright,	} Plymouth Auxiliary
Patrol Officer.	
Cyril George Lidstone,	
Leading Fireman.	} Fire Service.

During an intense enemy air raid on Plymouth a large petrol tank was set alight. The roof was well down in the tank and to reach it it was necessary to scale a steel stairway on the outside of the tank and then descend a steel ladder to a depth of thirty-two feet inside the tank.

The petrol was well ablaze around the sealing ring, between the rim of the roof and the tank wall. With the contents of the tank so low the possibility of an explosion became a very serious contingency. Patrol Officer Wright and Leading Fireman Lidstone

hauled up hose and foam equipment to the platform on top of the outside stairway. Wright, without hesitation, then descended the inner ladder to the roof and started his attack on the fire. He made gallant efforts to extinguish the flames but was not able to complete the circuit without assistance. Lidstone immediately descended to the roof and with his help the fire was successfully overcome.

These men showed great gallantry as they were fully aware of the possibility of an explosion which would have cost them their lives.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Thomas Edward Holliday, Police Inspector, Lancashire County Constabulary.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Cuthbert Dickenson	} Lancashire County Constabulary.
Morrison, Police Sergeant.	
John Thomas Brewer, Police Constable.	
John Vincent James Denney, Police Constable.	
John Robert Leach, Police Constable.	
Edward Gerard McClorry, Police Constable.	

Inspector Holliday organised a police party composed of the officers mentioned above, and welded them into a most effective team. They went from place to place and worked unceasingly and untiringly with spades, picks and their bare hands to relieve or rescue suffering people buried or trapped by the wreckage of demolished buildings. The team was ably led by Holliday and, regardless of danger from fires, collapsing property and falling bombs, was on duty for forty-five hours.

They set a fine example of courage, determination and devotion to duty.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Thomas Edward Mahir, Station Inspector.	} " H " Division, Metropolitan Police.
John Aidan Hastings	
Gott, Junior Station Inspector.	

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Alexander Sneddon, Police Sergeant, " H " Division, Metropolitan Police.

When a bomb demolished two houses, the roof and chimney stack of one house fell across the ruins of the other and the whole formed a heap of wreckage about fifteen feet high.

Station Inspector Mahir and Junior Station Inspector Gott tore away debris and found a hole down which Mahir crawled. A man, buried up to the chin, was pinned down by a rafter, in a cavity about seven feet deep and two feet wide.

Gott had the mouth of the hole widened and then crawled down to joint Mahir. They reached the man who informed them that a friend was below him and Mahir crawled out to investigate while Gott took on his shoulders the weight of the debris above the man's head. At this point P.S. Sneddon arrived from another incident and Mahir showed him where the other man was thought to be whilst he himself returned to relieve Gott.

Sneddon sent his men to collect buckets from nearby houses to carry away the rubble and organised their work so well that the man was soon released.

A lot of rubble had fallen and the strain on the two Inspectors was greatly increased. The whole of the pile was nearly brought down on to the three men when those outside tried to dig through to them.

Mahir and Gott used the broken rafter to shore up the cavity and sawed through a bedstead and a sofa, eventually releasing the victim who was only slightly injured.

Mahir, Gott and Sneddon were, throughout, subject to the risk of being crushed by shifting rubble and in danger from leaking gas. At one time water from the burst main in the crater outside threatened to overflow into the hole in which the two Inspectors were working.

The Inspectors showed resourcefulness, courage and determination and were ably supported by P.S. Sneddon.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Brinley Thomas Pedrick, Police Constable, " L " Division, Metropolitan Police.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

William Sydney Bignall, Police Constable, " L " Division, Metropolitan War Reserve Police.

A high explosive bomb demolished two houses and a family was trapped beneath the debris. The explosion had disrupted the gas and water services resulting in the rescuers having to contend with the danger of flooding and asphyxiation. A portion of the party wall between the two houses was in danger of collapse.

P.C. Pedrick crawled into the wreckage and, by removing debris with his hands, he tunnelled his way towards the centre. He had no tools for this purpose with the exception of a small pocket knife with which he was able to hack his way through the remains of a tiled bathroom wall. Eventually Pedrick made a narrow sloping shaft which he shored with slabs of fallen masonry.

Bignall then entered the shaft behind Pedrick. Further tunnelling revealed a bath under which Pedrick crawled and found a man pinned underneath a door. A saw was then passed to the rescuers and Pedrick was successful in freeing the victim who was pulled clear by Bignall. The man informed them that his wife was trapped just beyond the point where he was rescued. Pedrick continued in his work and discovered the unconscious woman. During the process of extrication a portion of the upper masonry started to move, and Pedrick supported this

with his shoulders until Bignall finally dragged her to safety.

Both officers showed exceptional coolness, courage and perseverance, disregarding the risk of being overcome by gas fumes.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Charles Bertram Allmand, A.R.P. Warden, West Riding of Yorkshire.

Occupants of a house damaged by a bomb were buried under a quantity of wreckage. The bedroom floor was in a most dangerous condition and likely to fall. Part of the debris was cleared from a woman's head and body, and it was then found that her feet were trapped by a beam of timber. Allmand obtained a saw, cut the timber away and, after a considerable amount of hard work, succeeded in liberating the woman.

Allmand continued with the work of rescue until the remaining occupants were released. He worked very hard in dangerous conditions regardless of his own safety.

Joseph Adrian Ambrose, Police Station Cleaner, Metropolitan Police.

During enemy air attacks, Mr. Ambrose has always been ready to accompany rescue parties going to scenes of damage. At all times of the day and night he has absolutely refused to be deterred from sharing the risks that necessarily fall upon those who conduct such operations.

On many occasions, quite voluntarily, Ambrose has assisted the Police in rescue work, often at risk to his own life.

William Morgan Ayres, }
John Alfred William } A.R.P. Wardens,
Pillar. } Swansea.

Francis Henry Dart, Police Constable, Swansea Police Force.

A bomb destroyed three houses and a shop. A man and his wife were trapped in one of the houses. Ayres and Pillar removed considerable debris, and succeeded in rescuing them. As they were doing so, and before they got the people out, they noticed that the side wall was on the point of collapsing. Pillar held this up by putting his back against it, whilst Ayres helped the man to carry his wife clear. He then returned to Pillar's assistance.

Suspecting that someone was buried under the wreckage of an adjoining house Pillar attempted to get under the debris but a large stone was dislodged which held him fast. Ayres was able to release Pillar. P.C. Dart then entered the cavity feet foremost, followed by Ayres.

Working in extremely dangerous conditions they were able to dig through the debris and reach the trapped person, an old lady, who was then alive. She was covered with plaster and bricks, which Dart attempted to remove whilst Ayres protected and supported her head. Unfortunately, before she could be released from the heavy weight of wreckage, she died.

Ayres and Pillar then went to the shop, entered through a small hole, and found a

man and woman. After some difficulty they managed to get them out. During this time the enemy attack continued and bombs fell nearby. The Wardens and the Police Constable showed great courage and devotion to duty in very dangerous circumstances.

Edward Barnard, Sub-Officer of Stretcher Parties, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Wandsworth.

Houses were demolished by high explosive bombs and several people trapped. In order to reach these persons it was necessary to tunnel through the wall of an adjoining house. A narrow tunnel fifteen feet long was constructed. Mr. Barnard volunteered to crawl along this to administer morphia. He had been in the wrecked building throughout and several times before had crawled into the adjoining houses. He knew the considerable risk involved as the walls were actually cracked at the time and had to be constantly shored up. He went in to see if he could possibly reach the two persons who were still alive. He was then given a syringe containing morphia and again crawled through the tunnel to give injections to a man and a woman.

Although aware that at any moment the building and tons of debris might collapse, Barnard returned three times to give injections. He showed splendid devotion to duty regardless of the extreme danger.

Stanley Charles Dunn, Police Constable, Southampton Police Force.

Richard Edward Holdsworth, War Reserve Constable, Southampton Police War Reserve.

Dunn and Holdsworth displayed courage and endurance during air raids on Southampton. They tackled serious fires in premises damaged by bombs, took charge and directed operations which resulted in the saving of the lives of a number of casualties and throughout showed initiative and coolness in promptly dealing with various incidents.

George Eastman, }
Member, } A.R.P. Rescue Party,
Arthur James Rentle, } Acton.
Skilled Member, }

When a house was wrecked by a bomb a man and woman were trapped in bed by the first floor joists and a heavy load of debris a few inches over their heads.

In order to release them a hole was cut through the joists and Rentle and Eastman crawled into the space below. They put props under the floor to prevent further collapse and then began the work of releasing the victims. To do this the bed had to be cut away. Gas was escaping in several places and the building was practically surrounded by fire which at one time reached to within a yard of where the men were working. They were soaked with water from hoses but carried on until they had extricated the casualties. This took nearly two hours.

By their endurance and courage in the face of considerable danger, Eastman and Rentle saved two lives.

Walter Fidoe, Police Sergeant.
Henry Ginn, Police Sergeant. } Cardiff Police Force.

A family was trapped in a demolished house. Sergeants Fidoe and Ginn, with bare hands, gradually dug a hole in the debris. Great care had to be taken on account of large pieces of masonry hanging dangerously, and it was not possible for more than one person to work in the hole at once.

After two hours, during which time H.E. bombs had been dropped nearby and the debris had caught fire, six people were released.

Walter Samuel Garvey.
Harry Goodwin. } A.R.P. Wardens, Birmingham.

Stanley Charles Green, Auxiliary Fireman, Birmingham Auxiliary Fire Service.

When four people were trapped in a partly demolished house, Auxiliary Fireman Green, helped by Wardens Garvey and Goodwin, moved large quantities of debris until a hole was made through which the victims could be rescued.

The conditions under which the rescue party worked were very hazardous. The roof and walls were likely to collapse at any moment and there was a heavy air raid in progress, but after three hours continuous work the casualties were extricated.

Miss Rosalié Gassman, Telephonist Watch-room Attendant, Hornsey Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Miss Gassman was on duty in the Watch-room of an Auxiliary Fire Service Station when the building was damaged by a bomb. In spite of the falling debris she remained calmly at her post transmitting and receiving messages. Her coolness and devotion to duty were exemplary.

Norman Blundell Gee, Police Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

A H.E. bomb demolished dwelling houses and fractured the gas main, which caught fire.

P.C. Gee helped to rescue a number of people buried in the wreckage. The burning gas main was acting as a guide to the enemy aircraft and Gee volunteered to attempt to put out the flames. He was lowered head first into the crater, being held by the ankles, and eventually choked the flow of gas and extinguished the flames with earth. When he recovered from the effects of the gas fumes, P.C. Gee returned to assist with the rescue work at the demolished houses.

This officer showed devotion to duty in very dangerous circumstances.

Henry Harman, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Battersea.

Two houses were demolished by a bomb. Harman, who was off duty, accompanied the Rescue Party. He tunnelled into the wreckage in an attempt to reach two women. The debris was on fire but the Fire Brigade was unable to operate for fear of drowning the trapped women. Despite the heat and

danger and the presence of enemy aircraft overhead, Harman continued his work and eventually extricated the two women alive.

Basil Edward Hill, Police Constable, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A block of flats was severely damaged by a bomb. Police Constable Hill heard cries for help coming from beneath the wreckage, on top of which was lying a huge slab of masonry.

Wardens and Police succeeded in lifting one end of the slab and a man's hand was then exposed. It was only possible for one person to work under the slab and P.C. Hill immediately started removing debris and passing it back to others. In this way he gradually made a hole and reached the victim who was in a cavity but unable to move. While he was working several bombs fell and there was a considerable danger that the wreckage would slip and crush the Police Constable.

Edward Horner, Leader,
Thomas George Pippin, Labourer.
Bertram Edwin Tyler, Carpenter. } A.R.P. Rescue Service, Deptford.

A high explosive bomb smashed a road bridge over a railway line. A lorry was damaged and the driver thrown on to the rails below. On the underside of the bridge a broken gas main caught fire and was belching flame from each severed end, melting electric cable insulation and causing hot pitch to fall from the setts of the bridge. Despite the extreme danger, Leader Horner, accompanied by Pippin and Tyler, unhesitatingly descended with stretcher and slings to rescue the injured man, who was lying in the full force of the heat and under the falling pitch.

Current from the live rail was running through the wet debris to the metal stretcher, but despite the shock he received on contact, Horner succeeded in his task and, with the help of Pippin and Tyler was able to get the stretcher clear of debris to a position where it could be hauled up. The three men then conducted a search among the debris for a missing policeman, giving up only when it was learned that the man was safe.

Walter Kirk, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lincs (Kesteven).

When houses were wrecked during an air raid Kirk showed great initiative, courage and endurance when leading his Party in rescue work. He tunnelled through a great amount of debris and risked his life to effect the release of the people who were trapped beneath the wreckage.

Edward Lamb, General Labourer, Birmingham.

A high explosive bomb demolished dwelling houses and trapped several persons beneath. Lamb ran to the scene, followed by others, and commenced to remove the debris. One person was rescued but two others were still trapped. One of these, a woman, had her legs fixed close to a grate in which a fire was burning. Rescue work was very hazardous as surrounding houses were almost col-

lapsing. More debris had to be removed, and Lamb worked in the cavity he had made for three hours.

As a result of the courageous action and perseverance of Lamb three persons were rescued alive.

Richard Paton, Labourer, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hammersmith.

Two women and a baby were known to be buried under the debris of a collapsed shelter. Paton began tunnelling to reach them. He had to work his way through a mass of debris which was liable to collapse at any moment. The casualties were pinned under slabs of concrete upon which rested an iron girder. The risk he ran in order to remove this concrete was extremely grave, for, had the girder been dislodged he would have been crushed in its fall. Realising, however, that the trapped casualties could not be extricated alive by any other means, he continued his efforts. Throughout this hazardous operation, which lasted well over two hours, Paton displayed persistency and courage of the highest order. It was due solely to his efforts that the two women and the child were eventually rescued alive.

Charles Reginald Russell, Acting Divisional Officer, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Acting Divisional Officer Russell was in charge of an Auxiliary Fire Station which was wrecked by a high explosive bomb. He was buried beneath the debris.

Two members of his staff were killed and others injured. Mr. Russell assisted in extricating the injured persons in spite of his own injuries.

He remained on duty during the next forty-eight hours and it was largely due to his ability and example that such splendid team work was displayed by the officers and men of his division.

Gerald Frederick Wheeler, Auxiliary Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid Wheeler was severely wounded in the left leg and was advised to report to the First Aid Party for immediate treatment and removal to hospital. He did not do this, however, but carried on with his duties on the mobile dam, although it was obvious that he was in great pain. He removed two mobile dams from alongside blazing premises at some personal risk, as the buildings were in a state of collapse.

A block of three-storey buildings was on fire and Wheeler continued to relay water to this site for two and a half hours. He then collapsed. But for his brave efforts many valuable buildings would have been destroyed.

George Samuel Alfred Woodward, Leader.

Walter Capon, Skilled Member.

George William Pitman, Labourer.

A.R.P. Rescue Party, Chelsea.

At great personal risk and after hours of gruelling work Capon, Pitman and Woodward succeeded in carrying out a particularly dangerous tunnelling operation

which resulted in the rescue of a girl from debris under which she had been imprisoned for four days.

The work, carried out in extremely arduous conditions, was rendered more dangerous by the dropping of H.E. bombs nearby. Operations, however, were not interrupted. When the casualty was reached she was pinned by the neck, arms and legs by timbers which were actually supporting the debris above. Despite the risks involved the work of sawing through the timbers was undertaken and she was released.

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