

After obtaining the assistance of the crane driver, he allowed himself to be hoisted on to the roof of the building. He then attached the sling under the arms of the wounded soldier and waited on the roof until he had been lowered on to the quay. The sling was then detached and returned once more to the roof for the rescuer himself to be lowered.

During such time as Fisher was on the roof, he was in constant danger from the fire, the gas fumes and the almost continuous explosions of shells.

His conduct throughout was a fine example of initiative, bravery and coolness.

Patrick King, Air Raid Warden, Seaton Delaval.

During an air raid King was in his shelter when he heard a bomb explode. He ran towards the place where it had fallen and found that two semi-detached houses had practically collapsed. One of these was empty, but in the other was a blind lady who had sheltered under the stairs. King managed to get through the front door and ascertained by shouting that the blind woman, Miss Hannah Wilson, was alive but buried under the debris. He borrowed a fireman's axe from a fireman who was on the spot and pulled some of the debris out of the way with it. Some of the roof timbers were obstructing him so he sent for a saw with which he sawed off lengths and used them as supports to prevent further debris falling as he progressed. He had to struggle for a considerable time through the debris, meanwhile encouraging Miss Wilson and telling her what to do. He managed with considerable difficulty to reach her and to clear the debris off her body, and eventually to bring her out into the open. The house was in imminent danger of collapse and King showed great courage and presence of mind.

Frederick Ernest Rose, Maintenance Engineer.

Rose was in charge of the salvage party at the factory at which he is employed. Although a raid was in progress and bombs and debris were still falling, Rose led his two assistants into damaged buildings and though hampered by flood water and darkness personally extinguished fires which had been started amongst some magnesium.

He then led his men on to another affected area and assisted to check fires which had also broken out there.

By his personal courage and coolness he was an outstanding example to others.

On another occasion he was brought to notice for gallant work during an air raid.

Miss Sonia Vera Carlyle Straw, Air Raid Warden, Caterham.

During an air raid Miss Straw volunteered to give assistance to the wounded. While the raid was in progress she attended a number of cases of badly injured women and children and treated several persons suffering from shock.

She carried on entirely by herself without assistance for a considerable time until help came.

Her action was most praiseworthy throughout and she showed great courage and resource.

#### Commendations.

Those named below have been brought to notice for good services in connection with Civil Defence.

Mr. Edgar Charles Cook, Air Raid Warden, Poole.

William Godfrey Furse, Able Seaman, SXX.13784, Royal Navy.

Miss Winifred Gilhooly, Telephone Operator, Castle Bromwich.

Samuel Graham, Bombardier No. 778755, 502nd Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army.

Violet Alma, Mrs. Petit-Jean, Ambulance Driver, A.R.P. Services, Clacton.

Thomas Jones, Part-time Air Raid Warden, Sunderland.

Joseph Thomas Miller, Air Raid Precautions Officer, Clacton.

Joseph Parkinson, Air Raid Warden, Essex.

W. H. Woods, Chief Officer, Clacton Fire Brigade.

#### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.*

*30th September, 1940.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the following Awards:—

*The Medal of the Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service.*

No. 2217014 Sergeant James Wilson, Royal Engineers.

Sergeant Wilson was the senior non-commissioned officer of the Bomb Disposal Section detailed to recover the bomb which fell in the vicinity of St. Paul's Cathedral.

With complete disregard of his own safety he supported his section officer unflinchingly until the bomb was finally located and brought to the surface.

Sergeant Wilson's determination and personal example of courage and devotion to duty were of inestimable value to the morale of his men and were largely responsible for the success of the operation.

No. 23855 Lance-Corporal Herbert Leigh, Royal Engineers.

Lance-Corporal Leigh was a member of the Bomb Disposal Section responsible for the recovery of the bomb which fell close to St. Paul's Cathedral; and was responsible for assisting Lieutenant Davies in the subsequent disposal of the bomb when it had been removed from the excavation.

His personal example of courage and contempt of danger in working over a bomb which might have exploded at any moment was of untold value in maintaining the morale of his men.