

that a beam was lying across her and the debris had to be removed from around this. The woman was then removed by lowering her underneath the beam, Parry and the civilian making sure the beam did not move.

Leonard Mountain, Permanent Unestablished Workman, Admiralty Establishment, Greenwich.

During an air raid a bomb fell causing much damage and cutting a 3-inch gas main. An open fire was in a lodge close at hand and there was risk of an explosion. During the raid, when splinters from bursting shells were falling, Mountain made a temporary stopping to the gas main, preventing the escape of gas. While he was working in the bomb-crater, with much gas escaping, he was in danger of being overcome by fumes but carried on in spite of the danger to himself.

Jack Reynolds, A.R.P. Messenger, Birmingham.

During an enemy air raid a house was demolished by an H.E. bomb, six occupants being trapped in the cellar. At the risk of great personal danger from falling debris and structural collapse Reynolds volunteered to crawl along the beams and enter the cellar by means of a very small aperture. He succeeded in rescuing four persons, three injured and one uninjured and then reported that there were two who were too heavy for him to move. A rope was passed to him and a sheet of iron. He tied the rope round the people's waists, and, using the sheet of iron as a slide, these two were drawn up through the aperture. Undoubtedly, the boy's action saved these persons' lives.

George Smith, Lengthsman, Roads and Bridges Department, Cheshire County Council.

During an enemy raid incendiary bombs were dropped on several cottages. One oil bomb dropped outside the back door of one of these cottages setting fire to the house and the clothing of a woman, her daughter, and a pram containing another child.

George Smith who lives nearby saw this and at once, although bombs were still dropping, ran over, went into the house and found a child sheltering under a table with her clothes on fire. He carried her out of the house, put out the flames with his hands and returned to the building where he found another child whom he rescued. This child was not on fire. As it appeared that there was still another child inside the house he went in, but could not find her. It was afterwards discovered that she had run out of the house.

Smith then showed the woman where to go for shelter, and gave first aid until the arrival of first aid personnel.

One child and the baby in the pram subsequently died.

David William Thomas, Senior Warden.
Albert Emerson Truman, Senior Warden.

Both these Wardens were on duty on the night of a severe air raid. A High Explosive

bomb dropped a matter of yards from the Wardens Post, damaging the Post. Thomas was on duty in the Post and Truman was on patrol duty. As a result of this bomb explosion extensive damage was done to workshops, stores and houses, whilst several fires were started. Truman and Thomas took charge of the situation immediately. Using stirrup pumps and water they commenced to fight the fires. When one trailer pump that arrived failed to function and fresh fires broke out, Truman and Thomas tackled these fires without regard for their personal safety. This work was being carried on while enemy planes were still dropping bombs.

At the points where they were using the stirrup pumps there was great danger from falling debris from the damaged houses, and Thomas and Truman, who carried on, undoubtedly saved the situation by preventing small fires from becoming a conflagration.

COMMENDATIONS:

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct in connection with Civil Defence:—

W. Bright, Skilled Labourer, Victualling Yard.
Cecil Diplock, Section Officer, Maidstone Auxiliary Fire Service.

Herbert Reginald Evans, Leading Fireman, Margate Auxiliary Fire Service.

B. Fowling, Engineer's Department, Victualling Yard.

Robert Glennon, Auxiliary Fireman, Northampton Auxiliary Fire Service.

Arthur Thomas Harrison, Fireman, Margate Fire Brigade.

Douglas S. Johnson, A.R.P. Stretcher Bearer, Romford.

Constable Lewis, Royal Marine Police.

Charles Augustus Lowlett, Leader of First Aid Party, Portsmouth.

Miss Lilian Maher, Mona Hotel, Liverpool.

Sam Moore, A.R.P. Stretcher Bearer, Coventry.

W. Morris, Motor Driver, Victualling Yard.

Gabriel George Nye, Foreman, Margate Fire Brigade.

H. F. Proctor, Superintendent, Victualling Yard.

Albert George Rigden, Laundry Maintenance Engineer, Folkestone.

Mrs. Ada Louise Rose, A.R.P. Warden, Birmingham.

E. Rose, Skilled Labourer, Victualling Yard.

E. E. Sandeman, Mechanic Driver, Victualling Yard.

G. E. Scott, Mechanic Driver, Victualling Yard.

Donald George Setterfield, Fireman, Margate Fire Brigade.

Walter Keith Shirley Smith, Patrol Officer, Northampton Auxiliary Fire Brigade.

Peter Springall, A.R.P. Messenger, Lewisham.

Mrs. Dorothy Louise Vane, A.R.P. Ambulance Driver, Coventry.

John Venables, A.F.S. Messenger, Coventry.