

subduing the flames and promptly discharged the cases of fuses on to the roadway nearby, where, by spreading the boxes out, the fires were more effectively extinguished against the unknown but anticipated risks of explosions.

In doing so Checker Mahoney set a high example to his gang in courageous disregard of personal danger.

When it became apparent that the fire was assuming serious proportions, it became imperative to remove a train load of ammunition and petrol (in tins) berthed immediately adjacent to the seat of the fire. Yard Inspector Thomas immediately took control of these and other essential movements and by his coolness, efficiency and promptitude under most harassing conditions, prevented damage to this important traffic.

With complete disregard of personal risk and with great coolness, Foreman Weaver disposed the staff and fire fighting equipment to the best advantage, and by his example, initiative and command ensured such co-ordinated approach to the numerous problems on hand simultaneously, that all the fires were ultimately controlled, without injury to personnel and without subsequent impairment of the efficiency of this important railway concentration point

*Awarded the George Medal.*

Captain Frank Thomas Moynihan, Dockmaster.	} Port of London Authority.
Captain John Douglas Archer, Assistant Dockmaster.	
Albert Covell, Lock Foreman.	

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

James Edward Watson, Lock Foreman, Port of London Authority.

During a heavy raid on Docks in London it was necessary to remove ships endangered by the attacks of enemy aircraft. Before this could be started a large amount of debris from burned timber sheds and buildings and a waterlogged barge, had to be cleared from the entrance approach. Fires were still burning in the immediate vicinity, which was thus an easy target for enemy raiders. The dockmaster and his staff nevertheless commenced the operation as soon as the tide served.

The movement of the ships from their berths and from the lock into the river occupied several hours. During most of this period enemy planes were overhead and bombed the docks and near neighbourhood.

All the dock officers and men engaged displayed remarkable coolness and devotion to duty under most exacting and dangerous conditions.

*Awarded the George Medal.*

Peter Frederick Smout, Engine Cleaner, Great Western Railway, Tyseley, Birmingham.  
Frederick Francis Blake, Examiner, Great Western Railway, Small Heath, Birmingham.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for Meritorious Service:—*

James Ernest Clarke, Yard Master's Clerk, Great Western Railway, Bordesley Junction.

Cleaner Smout, on hearing bombs falling, left his cabin and immediately commenced dealing with incendiaries, using his hands and feet to cover them with ballast. He then volunteered to take a locomotive along the blazing goods shed, although bombs were still falling, and draw the wagons to safety. On his first journey he was accompanied on the footplate by the Depot Master's Clerk, but on three other trips he went alone, although by this time the offside of the footplate was too hot for him to touch.

Throughout the night this young Cleaner's coolness and courage set a fine example to the other members of the Company's staff and, but for his action, it would not have been possible to save any of the wagons lying near the burning goods shed.

Examiner Blake observed a wagon on fire and, with assistance, propelled the burning vehicle to a place of safety by hand. After doing this, Blake went to the shelter and prevailed upon more of the staff to help him. He organised a squad of men and removed other burning trucks. He also acted as Shunter to Smout, and operated the point levers, which had become very hot, by using his cap. Blake afterwards put out a number of incendiary bombs, using his hands and feet to cover them with ballast until he found an old shovel. He then found a stirrup pump, with which he extinguished the lesser fires on several other trucks. Throughout the night Blake showed little regard for his own safety. By his example he led other members of the staff to help to save the Company's property.

J. E. Clarke generally supervised, did all possible to get volunteers from the shelters, assisted in removing wagons and extinguishing incendiary bombs, and moved about in all parts of the depot with total disregard for danger.

*Awarded the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for Meritorious Service:—*

William Bakewell, Constable, Port of London Authority Police

During an air raid on a Dock a shower of incendiary bombs fell in the vicinity of the Police Office. Constable W. Bakewell in tackling the bombs in the Club Room, perched himself precariously on the iron girder immediately below the shattered glass roof. From this position he was able, with a stirrup pump, to extinguish a bomb which had lodged in the roof and set fire to it. Throughout these operations high explosive bombs were falling, one of them landing about twenty yards from the building.

Alfred Boniface, Acting Inspector.	} Port of London Authority Police.
Alfred James Tulett, Sergeant.	
Henry William Edwards, Constable.	
William Innes Manson, Constable.	
Thomas William White, Constable.	