

to save her. Eventually the woman was drawn to the surface and removal to hospital.

Both these rescues were performed in black-out conditions under the lee of a partially-destroyed wall that appeared to be about to collapse on the officer at any moment. P.C. Johnson was underneath the wreckage for half an hour and was in danger the whole time of being overpowered by coal gas. There was little or no chance of escape for him had the wall collapsed. This P.C. has done continuous good and brave work during enemy bombing raids.

Malcolm Manson, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer of Health, Wood Green.

A heavy H.E. bomb fell, causing a tunnel to collapse. A number of people were trapped under the debris and the clay which had fallen through the cavity.

Dr. Manson arrived on the scene within a few minutes of the occurrence, and immediately assumed the direction and leadership of the rescue work. For nearly three hours he worked without intermission actively participating in the release of persons trapped in the debris heap, giving medical aid where it was needed and all the time keeping effective control. Throughout this period he was in grave personal danger from frequent falls of clay. It seemed likely that a further portion of the tunnel would collapse. At one period he was lying full length on the heap endeavouring to release a man partially buried when there was a shout from the look-out man of "Run for it." The Doctor ignored the warning and continued his efforts for the trapped man. There was a large fall of clay and the Doctor was struck by a large piece full in the back. He was partially buried and had to be dragged out feet foremost. He rested for a few minutes, and then, in spite of severe pain, carried on with the work.

Dr. Manson's pertinacity, courage and disregard of personal safety set a wonderful example to the men and was no doubt responsible for the saving of a number of lives which otherwise would have been lost.

He sustained serious injuries during the rescue operations.

Robert James Nicholls, A.R.P. Warden, Willesden.

After bombs had fallen on some houses Warden Nicholls saw two children in the debris in imminent danger, as a heavy beam appeared to be about to collapse on them. He rescued the two children, but the beam fell across him. He sustained slight concussion, a gash above the temple, a broken right arm, a very badly-cut left leg and severe bruises. Despite these injuries Nicholls carried on with his work of evacuating the people in the road, until ordered to return to his post—which he did under protest.

He was attended to by the stretcher party, and was sent immediately to hospital.

Miss Marjorie Eileen Perkins, Works' Nurse, Coventry.

Miss Perkins who was employed as a Works' Nurse, was in charge of the Works' Surgery. During the whole period of an intensive air raid she rendered excellent service to casualties at the Works, in the nearby

streets and at a public shelter a short distance away; this despite the fact that bombs were constantly falling all round. On two occasions Nurse Perkins was flung across the Surgery by blast, the first time being injured internally and the second time being rendered unconscious. After recovering consciousness, although in considerable pain, she carried on, dealing with further casualties both at the Works and outside, cheering and attending to those workpeople who could not be moved and visiting the shelters and encouraging everyone to remain calm. Throughout the night she did her work with utter disregard for her own personal safety. Her courage and devotion to the injured under the most trying circumstances were outstanding.

Miss Grace Rattenbury, London Women's Voluntary Services, and Organiser, Invalid Children's Aid Association.

Miss Rattenbury of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, who is also a member of the W.V.S., volunteered to assist in the evacuation of people from a Dockland area during an extensive fire caused by enemy bombs.

With a W.V.S. van she commenced a "shuttle" service from a wharf to a first line Rest and Feeding Centre. With great determination and courage she continued driving until the last woman and child had been evacuated from the danger zone. All the time the enemy aircraft were continuously dropping bombs over the area. The fire threatened to cut people off from the mainland, and there was only one single span bridge left open.

The road was extremely dangerous on account of fire, bomb craters, and a delayed-action bomb, yet Miss Rattenbury continued her work without hesitation. She remained calm and confident, and by her example steadied everyone. On more than one occasion, whilst assisting Wardens to evacuate families, she had to throw herself down to escape the blast from bombs which fell a few yards away and her car was blistered by the encroaching flames.

Philip David Whitting, Deputy Chief A.R.P. Warden, Hammersmith.

Mr. Whitting has, on more than one occasion, personally assisted in the rescue of people trapped in bombed houses and has performed hazardous and dangerous work in connection with bomb disposal.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Victor George Bursnall, Superintendent of Works and Staff Officer, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ruislip, Northwood.

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

Henry Thomas Crouch, Leader A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ruislip, Northwood.

Edward Arthur Poulter, Carpenter, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ruislip, Northwood.

A Rescue Party was called to a house demolished by a bomb. Mr. Bursnall was on duty and accompanied the Squad under Leader Crouch. They found a huge crater blocking the front of the house. Three members of the family were rescued leaving two