

high degree, knowing that everything depended upon his efforts. He was in a state of collapse immediately after the rescue.

William Thomas Holmes, Police Constable, "V" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Following the explosion of a large delayed action bomb, a baby was heard crying in the debris of a building and there was reason to believe that other persons might be trapped. It was difficult to know where to begin the clearance, but after a while it was found possible to make a small opening. This was gradually enlarged until it was big enough to enable P.C. Holmes to go down into the ruins. By passing pieces of rubble back through the hole, Holmes eventually reached a woman, and, getting her near to the entrance, helped her to reach the other police officers beyond. Holmes then returned and found a baby's cot pinned down by a large piece of brickwork. By lifting this with one hand he was able to free the child with the other and bring it out. The P.C. then entered the hole once more. After a short search he found a man who was pinned down by a large piece of brick wall and timber work. Holmes lifted this and enabled the man to free his head from the fallen timbers and raise himself. He was helped out in the same way as the others.

During the time Holmes was working his way beneath the debris it was evident that the wreckage might subside and trap him at any time.

Arthur Ernest Charles Jackson, Special Constable, Metropolitan Special Constabulary.

This Special Constable has displayed conspicuous courage and devotion to duty in a number of incidents over a long period. During the past three months he has attended no less than twenty-one scenes of explosion caused by enemy action. His conduct and work throughout have been of a very high order. He is always cheerful and calm in the face of danger. He has set a wonderful example which has been an inspiration to his fellow officers and all with whom he has come in contact.

Norman Jaeger, Leader.	}	A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Lambeth.
Alexander Muirhead Kerr, Member.		
Richard Rance, Member.		
Miss Maisie Eirene Coppock, Driver.	}	A.R.P. Mechanised Transport, Lambeth.
Mary Denise, Mrs. Goodbody, Driver.		

A building was hit by a high explosive bomb. All the old part of the building collapsed, leaving a tower at one side precariously standing. A great many people were trapped in the debris. Rescue parties were quickly separated and worked independently. A stretcher party under Leader Jaeger with one extra driver who joined them, proceeded to dig a tunnel with their hands to where they thought the casualties would be, removing the masses of concrete, rubble and brick by hand. They freed about fourteen people through this tunnel, passing them from one to another. There was a

heavy barrage the whole of the time and other bombs were dropping nearby.

The Party were working for over ten hours with the knowledge that they might themselves be buried at any moment by the collapse of the debris.

Arthur John Kempson, Temporary Welder, London Passenger Transport Board.

George McCullough, Temporary Welder, London Passenger Transport Board.

A bomb of very heavy calibre severely damaged the booking hall, tunnel and a train at a railway station. A number of persons was trapped under the large quantity of debris which fell, and as the remaining structure was in a very precarious condition, rescue work was extremely dangerous.

Kempson and McCullough gave most valuable assistance to the rescue parties in burning away, with oxy-acetylene apparatus, large quantities of steelwork in order that the trapped persons might be released. At times they had to work at a considerable height on flimsy structures under heavy gunfire with enemy aeroplanes overhead. The help they gave made it possible to release many of the trapped people, who were still alive.

Henry James Langan, Works Packer, Mitcham.

Incendiary bombs fell on a factory and one lodged on top of a drum of inflammable material forming part of a stack. The drum was set alight, and was burning fiercely when H. J. Langan climbed on top of the stack, got behind the drum, and at considerable personal risk pushed it over to the floor clear of the rest of the stack. A second employee then rolled the burning barrel out of the store into the open, where it burnt itself out.

Joseph Levy, A.R.P. Sector Warden, Hampstead.

When a great many houses were demolished and several others partially wrecked Sector Warden J. Levy led a small band of Warden rescuers into every one of them and brought out a number of slightly injured and badly shocked persons. In some cases parts of the buildings were actually falling as Levy went in. On one occasion he himself was trapped by falling beams, but he managed to extricate himself and immediately went into the next building and emerged helping an elderly lady. The Rescue Parties had not at this time arrived, and for about twenty minutes this young man continued his rescue work heedless of the risk to himself. Even when the Rescue Parties arrived, although he was bruised and cut, he begged to be allowed to help them.

Samuel Marks, War Reserve Police Constable, Metropolitan Police.

Thomas Henry Meek, Police Constable, Metropolitan Police.

High explosive bombs and an oil bomb caused extensive damage to property and numerous casualties.

Police Constables Meek and Marks and another officer immediately proceeded to the scene and searched several hours for victims.