

there, he insisted on going back and crawled through the debris for over fifteen feet. Leader Fenn's rescue of the trapped man was particularly courageous for he faced the possibility of being crushed and buried by a mass of rubble which threatened to subside at any moment.

Ernest Frederick Gilbert, War Reserve Police Constable.	} Metropolitan Police.
George Whitmore, Police Constable.	

Henry James Hicks, A.R.P. Post Warden, Camberwell.

During an air raid a man and his wife were trapped in the basement of a three-storey house which had collapsed. Most of the debris was resting on the ceiling of the basement, part of which had fallen in. P.C. Whitmore, accompanied by War Reserve Gilbert and other officers arrived, and were joined by Mr. Hicks and the man was quickly freed.

In order to reach the woman, Whitmore, Hicks and Gilbert working together, burrowed with their bare hands. Piece by piece the debris was removed and handed back. Whitmore directed and assisted his helpers to shore up the tunnel as they worked their way. Several times masonry was dislodged but after a great effort they were able to reach the woman who was pinned down by a marble slab and an iron bar. With much difficulty these were removed and she was passed over the prone bodies of the men to officers at the other end of the tunnel.

During the time the three men were in the tunnel there was every likelihood of it collapsing and burying them under tons of debris. They were well aware of this but without any thought for their own safety, they worked on until the woman was released.

Peter John Ethelbert Inglis, Clerk of Works, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Deptford.

A bomb exploded between two houses, forming a crater and throwing masses of earth and debris over the respective basements in which several persons were trapped.

Under the direction of Inglis a tunnel was made from the side of the crater into one of the basements. A serious danger was encountered by the uncovering of a live electric cable. This obstacle was negotiated and the work of tunnelling proceeded. The basement was filling with gas from a broken pipe, but two girls were successfully extricated.

Operations to reach the casualties in the second basement were rendered more difficult by the unsound state of the walls and the constant danger of their collapse. Inglis again started tunnelling and directed the careful removal of the heavier debris from above the trapped casualties. This basement was also filling with gas from a broken pipe.

After twelve hours extremely difficult and dangerous work, during the whole of which time a heavy air raid was in progress, the rescue of seven persons was effected.

Charles James Kent, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hull.

A house was demolished and people trapped. Kent crawled into the wreckage and passed out debris until he could worm his way to the trapped people. He succeeded in making the area large enough to enable him to work in a kneeling position. Calling for a saw he managed to cut through some timbers and then, by means of jacks, succeeded in lifting the floor and debris enough to release the casualties.

Kent showed courage and resource in effecting this difficult rescue which was made more dangerous by a tottering gable which might have collapsed at any moment.

Charles George Toni Mann, Police Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A man was trapped, thirty feet from the ground, on the first floor of a house which had been partially demolished by a bomb. A ladder was placed against the wall but this only reached about eighteen feet, leaving a gap between the top of the ladder and the window. It was feared that the house would collapse at any moment, but P.C. Mann mounted the ladder and, on reaching the top rung, flattened himself against the wall. He was still unable to reach the window ledge but managed to stretch upwards a little higher by placing his right foot on the damaged framework of the ground floor window. The man was then encouraged to climb out backwards and gradually lower himself. The constable took most of the man's weight on his right hand and lowered him on to his shoulders. P.C. Mann then climbed down the ladder to safety. The least mistake by the Constable would have resulted in both men being severely injured. Mann displayed cool courage and resource in the face of danger and difficulty.

Andrew Nures Nabarro, Leading Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Houses were demolished by a high explosive bomb, and fires broke out. Two people were trapped beneath the debris in which a gas main was burning furiously. Nabarro took charge of the operations and, despite great danger from collapsing buildings, the people were rescued and the fires brought under control.

It was entirely due to Nabarro's courageous efforts that the lives of these persons were saved.

He then went to other fires and showed initiative in finding and organising water supplies. This resulted in the saving of much valuable property.

Albert George Chappel Palmer, Labourer, A.R.P. Rescue Party, St. Pancras.

When a house was hit by a bomb Palmer showed total disregard of personal safety in his efforts to release a woman trapped between collapsed floors. Forcing his way through a small hole, he crawled under a mass of brick debris and flooring which was in imminent danger of further collapse. He remained by the casualty in a dangerous and cramped position, shielding