

Walter Fidoe, Police Sergeant.
Henry Ginn, Police Sergeant. } Cardiff Police Force.

A family was trapped in a demolished house. Sergeants Fidoe and Ginn, with bare hands, gradually dug a hole in the debris. Great care had to be taken on account of large pieces of masonry hanging dangerously, and it was not possible for more than one person to work in the hole at once.

After two hours, during which time H.E. bombs had been dropped nearby and the debris had caught fire, six people were released.

Walter Samuel Garvey.
Harry Goodwin. } A.R.P. Wardens, Birmingham.

Stanley Charles Green, Auxiliary Fireman, Birmingham Auxiliary Fire Service.

When four people were trapped in a partly demolished house, Auxiliary Fireman Green, helped by Wardens Garvey and Goodwin, moved large quantities of debris until a hole was made through which the victims could be rescued.

The conditions under which the rescue party worked were very hazardous. The roof and walls were likely to collapse at any moment and there was a heavy air raid in progress, but after three hours continuous work the casualties were extricated.

Miss Rosalié Gassman, Telephonist Watch-room Attendant, Hornsey Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Miss Gassman was on duty in the Watch-room of an Auxiliary Fire Service Station when the building was damaged by a bomb. In spite of the falling debris she remained calmly at her post transmitting and receiving messages. Her coolness and devotion to duty were exemplary.

Norman Blundell Gee, Police Constable, Lancashire Constabulary.

A H.E. bomb demolished dwelling houses and fractured the gas main, which caught fire.

P.C. Gee helped to rescue a number of people buried in the wreckage. The burning gas main was acting as a guide to the enemy aircraft and Gee volunteered to attempt to put out the flames. He was lowered head first into the crater, being held by the ankles, and eventually choked the flow of gas and extinguished the flames with earth. When he recovered from the effects of the gas fumes, P.C. Gee returned to assist with the rescue work at the demolished houses.

This officer showed devotion to duty in very dangerous circumstances.

Henry Harman, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Battersea.

Two houses were demolished by a bomb. Harman, who was off duty, accompanied the Rescue Party. He tunnelled into the wreckage in an attempt to reach two women. The debris was on fire but the Fire Brigade was unable to operate for fear of drowning the trapped women. Despite the heat and

danger and the presence of enemy aircraft overhead, Harman continued his work and eventually extricated the two women alive.

Basil Edward Hill, Police Constable, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A block of flats was severely damaged by a bomb. Police Constable Hill heard cries for help coming from beneath the wreckage, on top of which was lying a huge slab of masonry.

Wardens and Police succeeded in lifting one end of the slab and a man's hand was then exposed. It was only possible for one person to work under the slab and P.C. Hill immediately started removing debris and passing it back to others. In this way he gradually made a hole and reached the victim who was in a cavity but unable to move. While he was working several bombs fell and there was a considerable danger that the wreckage would slip and crush the Police Constable.

Edward Horner, Leader,
Thomas George Pippin, Labourer.
Bertram Edwin Tyler, Carpenter. } A.R.P. Rescue Service, Deptford.

A high explosive bomb smashed a road bridge over a railway line. A lorry was damaged and the driver thrown on to the rails below. On the underside of the bridge a broken gas main caught fire and was belching flame from each severed end, melting electric cable insulation and causing hot pitch to fall from the setts of the bridge. Despite the extreme danger, Leader Horner, accompanied by Pippin and Tyler, unhesitatingly descended with stretcher and slings to rescue the injured man, who was lying in the full force of the heat and under the falling pitch.

Current from the live rail was running through the wet debris to the metal stretcher, but despite the shock he received on contact, Horner succeeded in his task and, with the help of Pippin and Tyler was able to get the stretcher clear of debris to a position where it could be hauled up. The three men then conducted a search among the debris for a missing policeman, giving up only when it was learned that the man was safe.

Walter Kirk, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Lincs (Kesteven).

When houses were wrecked during an air raid Kirk showed great initiative, courage and endurance when leading his Party in rescue work. He tunnelled through a great amount of debris and risked his life to effect the release of the people who were trapped beneath the wreckage.

Edward Lamb, General Labourer, Birmingham.

A high explosive bomb demolished dwelling houses and trapped several persons beneath. Lamb ran to the scene, followed by others, and commenced to remove the debris. One person was rescued but two others were still trapped. One of these, a woman, had her legs fixed close to a grate in which a fire was burning. Rescue work was very hazardous as surrounding houses were almost col-