

necessary measures to ensure the safety of the plant. May, who was severely shaken, shut off valves and, realising the danger of an explosion, plugged a vent hole with sand-bags. Both men acted courageously and promptly with no regard for their own safety.

Awarded the George Medal:—

James Henry Burlow, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

Two houses were partially demolished and people trapped. Party Leader Burlow directed operations and after about two hours a woman was rescued. Her daughter was buried beneath further debris. After a small opening had been made, Burlow crawled in to the girl. Finding she was pinned by large beams, he arranged for the placing of jacks to secure her release. Meanwhile he administered morphia which was handed him by a doctor, splinted her fractures, dressed her wounds, and did everything possible to make her comfortable. Burlow worked for three and a half hours in a very confined space until the girl was released.

He undertook this work although not on duty.

John Cornford, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Arthur Ronald Thorn, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

High warehouses abutting on the pavement on both sides of a street were well alight and the fire was sweeping across the sixty foot wide roadway. A man staggered out of one of the burning buildings and collapsed. Station Officer Thorn and Sub-Officer Cornford immediately ran through heat and flame, with debris falling all about them, and brought the man clear of the area. Thorn and Cornford acted promptly and at great risk to their lives to effect this gallant rescue.

Arthur Hugh Grant, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

(Award dated 12th November, 1940. Auxiliary Fireman Grant has since been killed on duty by enemy action.)

A high explosive bomb was dropped through the roof of a building which was in use as a station by the fire service. Without any hesitation Auxiliary Fireman Grant removed the bomb from the main hall to the area, and covered it with bags of sand. It subsequently exploded with only slight damage to the station.

His heroic action undoubtedly saved many lives and much damage to property.

George Daniel Jones, Gas Holder Attendant, Bristol Gas Company.

During an air raid two incendiary bombs lodged on the top of a large gas holder. Jones immediately climbed to the top of the holder and succeeded in knocking the bombs off the crown with his steel hat.

During the same raid the holder was punctured several times by pieces of bombs and each time he heard the gas escaping, Mr. Jones, although the raid was at its height, went out and temporarily stopped the holes, thus averting the danger of fire.

On another occasion when a gas holder was badly punctured and caught fire, Mr. Jones, although not on duty, immediately went to the scene and, chiefly through his efforts, the fire was put out before any serious damage was done.

Mr. Jones's prompt action and brave conduct undoubtedly saved much valuable property from destruction.

Thomas William Keenan, Night Watchman, Cardiff.

During an air raid an incendiary bomb dropped on a tank containing motor spirit. Keenan immediately volunteered to climb the tank and deal with the bomb. By the time he got to the top the bomb had burnt its way practically through the plating. He covered the bomb with sand and removed it to the ground where it was extinguished.

Keenan showed high courage in the face of a very grave danger.

Harry Lee, Roof Spotter, Leeds City Gas Undertaking.

A large number of incendiary and high explosive bombs fell on and near a Gas Works. Lee from his post forty feet above the ground gave directions to the Works fire-fighting squads and fires were quickly tackled and kept under control. He also gave information about bombs which had dropped in the streets adjoining the Works.

Although Lee had permission to descend to a place of safety he did not do so and remained at his exposed post whilst bombs and shell splinters were falling all round.

The behaviour of the Works personnel on duty during the raid was exemplary, and was undoubtedly stimulated by the calm courage displayed by Lee.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Arthur James Ball, Sub-Inspector, City of London Police.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Robert Luckman, Police Sergeant.	} City of London Police.
Charles Salmon, M.M., Police Constable.	

During a heavy raid Sub-Inspector Ball, Police Sergeant Luckman and Police Constable Salmon displayed great courage and devotion to duty following the fires caused by the dropping of H.E. and incendiary bombs.

The three men entered burning premises, at great risk to their lives, to rescue the occupants.

They were responsible for the evacuation of people from shelters which were endangered by fire. Although the officers were badly shaken by blast and injured, they continued to render assistance throughout the night wherever their services were required.

Awarded the George Medal:—

George James Ditch, Purifier Attendant, Gas Light and Coke Company, Ltd.