

It was due entirely to the determination and bravery of the four men that this rescue was accomplished. A partly demolished wall immediately adjoining the site collapsed on to the debris under which they had been working, shortly after the rescue had been completed.

Barnett Burke, A.R.P. Post Training Officer, St. Marylebone.

A bomb fell outside a bakery, demolished the front of the building and fractured a gas main. Coke ovens were burning in the basement and there was a possibility that the gas might cause an explosion.

Warden Burke climbed down into the crater, which was filling with coal gas, crawled under the wreckage and broke open the door of the room where the occupants were sheltering. He then helped them to safety.

Arthur Ernest Handel }
Carter, Assistant } Gas Light and Coke
Valveman, } Company Ltd.
James John Woodley, }
Valveman, }

When H.E. bombs fractured gas mains Woodley immediately located and shut the necessary valves.

Carter beat out flames at another point and got the fires under control.

Both men faced the danger of blazing gas and possible explosion with coolness and courage and by their prompt action prevented serious damage.

Jack Ellis, Driller's Mate, Grimsby.

Ellis burrowed under the debris of a bombed building and rescued a child and an old lady. The wreckage then burst into flames but Ellis returned and brought out an injured man and took him to a First Aid Post.

Without any regard for his personal safety Ellis displayed great courage in effecting these rescues.

James Arthur Griffiths, Sergeant, Volunteer Special Constabulary, Cardiff.

Timber and masonry were falling when Sergeant Griffiths twice entered a wrecked building and brought out children who had been buried in debris. He then searched in other premises for trapped persons and took them to a First Aid Post for treatment. The Sergeant continued throughout the night dealing with incendiary bombs and helping in the rescue of casualties from wrecked buildings.

William Harman, Charge Hand, Gas Light and Coke Company, Ltd.

When incendiary bombs started a serious fire in business premises, Harman showed outstanding initiative and courage. He directed the Works Firemen who dealt promptly and successfully with the fire. He showed great devotion to duty.

Alfred William Hennis, Skilled Workman Class II, London Telecommunications Region.

Mr. Hennis has shown courage and devotion to duty on a number of occasions.

He has volunteered to carry out repairs in conditions of considerable danger without any regard for his personal safety.

Frank Sidney Howe, Auxiliary Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

When incendiary bombs fell on the roof of a church Howe climbed up to work the stirrup pumps. Whilst there many bombs, both high explosive and incendiary, were dropped nearby.

Howe carried on with his duty until a bomb fell into the church and exploded, blowing him off the ladder.

He displayed considerable courage and devotion to duty and did not cease work until severely wounded.

John Mylroie Kelly, }
Second Officer, } Stretford and Urmston
Francis Mees, Third } Joint Fire Brigade.
Officer, }

Both these officers were in constant attendance throughout heavy enemy attacks. Each officer was in charge of a separate sector where many fires were raging and their undaunted courage and leadership were an inspiration to the men under their control. Much valuable property was saved through their individual efforts.

James McWilliam, Assistant Engineer, Clydebank and District Water Trust.

When a bomb fractured a main water supply pipe Mr. McWilliam at once closed certain valves and opened alternate feeds to ensure water for fire fighting. In spite of severe bombing, during which he was hit by bomb splinters, he continued with this work throughout the night.

During the days following, Mr. McWilliam worked unceasingly to assist in the execution of repairs.

Robert Coultas Maynard, Post Office Caretaker-Operator.

Mr. Maynard, who is 74 years of age, has shown great courage and his devotion to duty has been of the greatest value to the A.R.P. services during many air raids.

Henry John Alfred }
Pearce, Relief Carbon- } The Gas Light and
ising Fireman, } Coke Company
George Edward William } Ltd.
Pearce, Carbonising }
Foreman, }

When a bomb struck a section of a Gas Works an explosion caused a fierce fire.

G. E. W. and H. J. A. Pearce at the risk of being badly burned, succeeded in isolating the damaged plant and brought the flames under control.

Their action was an extremely gallant one and they showed considerable coolness and determination.

Harry Edgar Pollard, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Portsmouth.

A building was demolished by a high explosive bomb and persons were trapped in the basement. It was necessary to burrow a hole through the debris to reach the roof of the cellar. This was difficult and dangerous owing to the large mass of brickwork which was liable to move and slip into the excavation.