

Ernest Gordon Foster, Auxiliary Fireman,
Bath Auxiliary Fire Service.

Mr. Foster, with reinforcing crews, has attended the most seriously damaged areas in various parts of the country. He is an excellent and courageous driver and on numerous occasions he has driven through the affected parts of a town regardless of any danger with the complete convoy following him. Foster, by his devotion to duty, has set a fine example.

William France, Sergeant, Manchester Fire Brigade.

Sergeant France did excellent work during an air attack on Manchester. He assisted in organising the machines and personnel, and showed considerable skill in creating a successful relay of water around the involved area. There were vast heaps of burning debris to be overcome and no proper roadways for the machines to negotiate.

Later, Sergeant France was in charge of units at a large fire and it was due to his efforts that much valuable property was saved.

Ernest Leonard Hurley, Leader,	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hackney.
Harry Englefield, Carpenter,	

Houses were demolished by H.E. bombs. Two persons were trapped a long way under the debris, which was liable to collapse at any moment. A tunnel was made in order to reach them and eventually they were found, pinned down by floor joists. Gas pipes were broken and there was a heavy concentration of coal gas. Men of Hurley's squad worked for two hours to form the tunnel and were all affected by gas and had to be withdrawn. Hurley then descended into the hole and, with Englefield, worked continuously for three hours until the victims were released. The task was a most hazardous one and Hurley and Englefield displayed great courage.

Alfred Henry Jackson, Shop Electrician,
Lambeth.

While firemen were playing their hoses on a burning building, the roof of an Electricity Sub-Station caught alight. Realising that the extra high tension panel would blow out and very possibly electrocute the firemen, Mr. Jackson, at great risk to himself, disconnected the supply although he knew the danger that existed in touching the panel.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

William Clark (deceased), Crane Driver,
Portsmouth.

William Arthur Cripps (deceased), Lorry
Driver, Portsmouth.

Richard William Densham (deceased), Lift
Boy, Portsmouth.

Herbert Edward Dunstan, Member, Wholesale
Co-operative Society Fire Brigade, Cardiff.

Alfred Fuller, Labourer, A.R.P. Rescue Party,
Lewisham.

Herbert Horatio Kitchener (deceased), Seaman,
Portsmouth.

Annette Madeline, Mrs. Lennard, A.R.P.
Casualty Service, Bristol.

Charles William McCarthy, Member, Reuters
and Press Association Fire Fighting Squad,
London.

George Parker, Assistant Commandant, Hull
Auxiliary Fire Service.

Christopher Jack Picken, Member, Co-opera-
tive Wholesale Society Fire Brigade, Cardiff.

Robert Biddulph-Pinchard, A.R.P. Warden,
Portsmouth.

John Albert Waters, Works Service Represen-
tative, R.A.F. Station.

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The British Empire Medal (Civil Division).

Reginald Silver, Transport Worker, Cardiff
Docks.

An aircraft crashed in a garden where it caught fire, Mr. Silver immediately ran to the burning plane and, catching hold of the parachute straps of one of the crew who was pinned with his head down, managed to pull him clear.

While Silver was rescuing this man he saw another occupant of the aircraft trapped and unable to move. He at once returned and pulled this officer out. Soon afterwards the machine was completely gutted by flames.

By his spontaneous and gallant action Mr. Silver saved two people from being burned to death.

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