

John William Faulkner, A.R.P. Post Warden, Crayford.

A H.E. bomb partly demolished a house. Post Warden Faulkner worked amongst the wreckage, which was extremely unstable and overhung by the remainder of the house, and after an hour managed to release the occupant.

Subsequently, Mr. Faulkner, in the course of a systematic search in darkness among ruined houses, found and extricated another casualty.

Kenneth Horsley, Clerk, Coventry.

A H.E. bomb partly demolished a house and the remainder was in a very dangerous condition.

A hole was tunnelled from the side of a crater next to the top of the stairs through which Horsley entered. He passed out brick after brick until he reached people who were trapped under the stairs.

The rescue took two hours to complete and during this time bombs fell nearby.

Horsley showed great courage and by his efforts five persons were released uninjured.

Herbert Edwin Midmer, Jnr., Labourer, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Dagenham.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb and people were trapped in a gas-laden atmosphere. Midmer cut through a dangerous wall of the adjoining house and tunnelled nine feet into the debris. This not only allowed fresh air to get to the casualties but enabled them to be freed and removed to hospital.

William George Rapp, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid incendiary bombs fell on laden lorries parked near a garage.

Auxiliary Fireman Rapp, who was not on duty, drove three of the lorries out of the yard undamaged, but as he returned to remove others his task became increasingly dangerous as the fire by this time had spread to the garage. The next lorry saved by Rapp was slightly damaged but the fifth and last to be brought out was alight and a jet had to be played on to the cabin to allow him to complete his task. Had Rapp not removed the five lorries, all the vehicles and the building would have been a total loss.

Rapp displayed considerable courage and tenacity.

James Arthur Robson, Police Sergeant, "E" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Throughout the whole period of heavy enemy air attacks Police Sergeant Robson has displayed outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty.

On all occasions he has, by his leadership and courage, been an example and inspiration to all with whom he has come in contact.

He has rescued a number of trapped persons from bombed buildings, and on one occasion, although he was not on duty, the Police Sergeant made strenuous efforts to check a fire. It became necessary, however, to evacuate a large air-raid shelter nearby and, in spite of the heavy bombardment in progress, Robson carried out this work with complete absence of panic among the shelterers.

Douglas Sargent, Third Officer, Leicester Fire Brigade.

Throughout an intensive air attack on Manchester, Third Officer Sargent showed great skill in fighting the resultant fires. He organised personnel and equipment and it is largely due to his gallant leadership that much valuable property was saved.

Edward Saunders, Firm's Fire Watcher, Hull.

During an air raid many incendiary bombs were dropped on a building. One lodged on the roof immediately above a tank of varnish. In order to deal with the bomb Saunders stood on the tank and using an axe, made a way through to the roof and knocked the bomb to the ground outside.

Saunders acted with great presence of mind and by his prompt and brave action prevented a serious fire.

George William Smith, A.R.P. Warden, Hackney.

A H.E. bomb demolished a dwelling house. Warden Smith climbed over debris to a hole leading to the basement, where he found four persons trapped. He got under the wreckage and raised it, supporting the full weight on his shoulders. He remained in this position for four hours until the victims were released.

The total disregard of his own safety and the devotion to duty displayed by Smith saved the lives of four people.

Mark Stanford, M.C. (Captain, late General List), Deputy District A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

During the period of air raids Captain Stanford has attended practically every incident in his district. He has directed and participated in rescue work with marked skill and efficiency and with complete disregard of danger.

John Wilkins, Leader, } A.R.P. Rescue
Jack Weeks, Labourer, } Party, Holborn.

Owing to enemy action buildings collapsed and caught fire. People were trapped in a ground floor room and Wilkins, followed by Weeks, reached it through a service hatch. Two brick columns leant over towards a wall and between these was a large heap of debris. Hindered by the fire raging on the other side of the wall and drenched by firemen's hoses, Wilkins and Weeks removed the debris. Because of the removal of this support to the leaning columns, the whole of the wreckage was liable to collapse on to them. They were finally successful in extricating a woman, who was passed to safety through the service hatch.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Percy Harold Alexander, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

William Barrowman, Auxiliary Fireman, Dagenham Auxiliary Fire Service.

Arthur Albert Birmingham, A.R.P. Messenger, First Aid Post, West Ham.

John Henry Brown, Driver, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Deptford.