

in retarding the spread of the fires. He organised a convoy of mobile dam lorries and by energetic perseverance, he managed to prevent the premises becoming involved.

Although suffering severely from injury to his eyes, Davies continued to take charge until late in the following morning, at which time his eyes had become so swollen that it was difficult for him to see. It was due to his leadership, initiative and courage that the buildings were saved and the fire held.

Isobel Ord MacAlister, M.B., Ch.B., Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

During an air raid H.E. bombs were dropped close to a First Aid Post to which a large number of casualties had been brought in for treatment. Severe damage was caused and the supplies of electricity, gas and water were cut off.

Dr. MacAlister was flung bodily across the ward by blast from the explosion. Broken glass and debris littered the floor and the building was in darkness.

Dr. MacAlister, although herself injured, was not deterred from her work and, by the light of hand torches, she continued to attend to the wounded in a cool and collected manner. During this time bombs were falling nearby.

Dr. MacAlister's courage was an inspiration to the staff of the Post and encouraged them to carry out their duties during the night.

Mary Lily, Mrs. Maybury, Honorary Superintendent, First Aid Point, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Nuneaton.

During an air raid Mrs. Maybury, who is a State Registered Nurse, was on duty alone at the First Aid Point. She prepared her post for action and soon afterwards bombs began to fall nearby. Telephone communication was cut and utility services were put out of action. Walking wounded and stretcher cases from neighbouring incidents soon arrived at the point and Nurse Maybury, without any assistance, worked by candlelight and attended to the wounded. She displayed a high degree of courage and devotion to duty.

John Patrick Newman, District Head A.R.P. Warden, Poplar.

Throughout the period of enemy air attacks Mr. Newman has shown great courage and devotion to duty. On many occasions he has rescued trapped people and successfully dealt with fires caused by incendiary bombs.

During one raid he was blown across the pavement by the force of an explosion. Seeing that part of a Wardens' Post had collapsed, he made an immediate search and rescued three wardens from the debris. Hearing cries coming from a demolished house, he immediately burrowed into the debris and, at great personal risk, managed to extricate a man who had been completely buried and pinned down by rafters. All this rescue work was carried out whilst Mr. Newman was himself suffering from concussion and numerous abrasions.

Awarded the George Medal:—

James Armstrong, A.R.P. Messenger, Bootle.

During air raids Armstrong, regardless of falling bombs and raging fires, has delivered

messages and thus enabled the services to co-operate. On one occasion he was blown by blast from his bicycle but he continued his journey on foot.

When incendiary bombs started a fire, Armstrong obtained a length of hose and a ladder, he mounted the ladder and from a very dangerous position played on the cross beams of the roof. Whilst so doing H.E. bombs fell in the surrounding streets. Armstrong, who is only 16 years of age and not in robust health, showed great pluck and determination.

Joshua Henry Barham, A.R.P. Post Warden, Southwark.

A direct hit by a H.E. bomb demolished part of a building, leaving the walls in a tottering condition and liable to collapse.

Mr. Barham, ignoring the great danger to himself, entered the building and worked underneath the south wall. He was able to release four casualties and continued working until the west and south walls collapsed. He then directed the Rescue Party regarding the position of the rest of the casualties who were in the debris. Mr. Barham displayed great courage and risked his life in effecting these rescues.

Percy Gilbert Horsburgh, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., First Aid Area Commandant; A.R.P. Casualty Service, Nuneaton.

Throughout an air raid, Dr. Horsburgh, with complete disregard of his personal safety, engaged in the rescue of persons trapped in the debris of bombed buildings and in giving medical attention to the wounded.

He personally sought out and reported many of the incidents and procured the necessary assistance from the Rescue and Casualty Services.

On one occasion Dr. Horsburgh personally conducted rescue operations and crawled through the ruins of houses to rescue three people from the debris. He also succeeded, with assistance, in recovering alive a man who had been buried for more than twelve hours.

Dr. Horsburgh's work was carried out in circumstances of great and continuous danger from H.E. bombs and damaged buildings, and his gallantry and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the personnel of the local Civil Defence Services.

David Norman Starkey, Police Constable, Wallasey Police Force.

Frank Fleetwood Jones, Special Constable, Wallasey Special Constabulary.

A dwelling house was completely demolished by a H.E. bomb and three persons were buried under the debris.

Constable Starkey climbed up the pile of bricks and after tunnelling a passage with his hands climbed through it, head first.

He was joined by Special Constable Jones and both men worked strenuously for two hours, passing bricks and burning timber up to others who were at the top of the cavity.

When Constable Starkey had succeeded in uncovering the buried people a rope was lowered to him and a woman and two men were passed to safety.