

flames were coming from all parts of the vehicle but with utter disregard of his own safety Inspector Rycroft got under the van and uncoupled it.

Rycroft subsequently helped to deal with several other wagons that were on fire and when working on top of one load he was blown off by an explosion. He refused to give up and went back to work on it immediately.

High explosive bombs were falling in the area all the time and Rycroft set an outstanding example of courage and devotion to duty.

Lawrence Scott Douglas Wilson, Principal Technical Assistant to the Borough of Wandsworth.

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances.

Awarded the George Medal:—

George Edmund Foster, Police Sergeant, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

William Frank Parker, Police Constable, Frederick Mark Stone, Police Constable, Leslie Arthur Troman, Police Constable,	}	"M" Division, Metropolitan Police.
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A building was completely demolished by a high explosive bomb and people were trapped. Gas and water were escaping from fractured mains, the water rising rapidly in the basement.

Foster at once took charge of the operations aided by Parker and Troman. Stone, who was off duty, also joined in the search. The officers found and successfully removed one casualty.

They then gradually tunnelled a way through towards the cellar, which they found flooded to a depth of four feet and littered with rubble. Sergeant Foster held up the slipping mass of debris to enable the others to work in greater safety. Owing to escaping gas the three Police Constables were able to work only in short spells, but managed to rescue three women.

A wall thirty feet high was damaged and likely to collapse and the officers were advised to leave the tunnel but refused to do so as two men were still missing. A careful but unsuccessful search was made and the officers left the tunnel just as the wall collapsed on to the site where they had been working.

The rescue work in extremely hazardous conditions lasted for two and a half hours. The courage and cool leadership displayed by Sergeant Foster and the bravery and perseverance of the Constables, resulted in the saving of four lives.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

John Nicholas Anderson, Dock Porter, Great Western Railway.

During an air raid a bomb fell in the hold of a vessel in which six dock labourers were working.

Anderson obtained a rope and descended into the hold in which a quantity of timber was burning and smouldering. After the lead had been given by Anderson other helpers followed. In addition to the danger of suffocation from the smoke and fumes they were working under the water line. Two men were rescued alive and sent ashore. Anderson and his fellow rescuers then dug into the burning debris and recovered the bodies of four men who, apparently, had been killed outright by the explosion.

Anderson showed initiative and leadership and by his courage set a fine example.

John Duggan, Corporal, First Aid Party, Coventry.

During an enemy air attack Duggan took his squad to a building which had received a direct hit. It was a mass of ruins and was blazing furiously. While bombs were exploding all around, Duggan worked desperately under the most hazardous conditions in an attempt to reach trapped persons. From this incident he went to another where, at great personal risk, he rescued several seriously wounded persons. He constantly exposed himself to danger in order to reach casualties and his courage was a source of inspiration to the men of his squad.

Janet, Mrs. Evans; A.R.P. Warden, Plymouth.

Mrs. Evans has constantly patrolled her district during air raids regardless of falling H.E. bombs. She has regularly visited shelters and by her courage and devotion to duty has given much encouragement to the occupants.

On one occasion, entirely alone and using her bare hands, she dug for people buried under debris.

Clement Harry Farthing, Sub-Divisional Inspector, "D" Division, Metropolitan Police.

During the period of air raids Inspector Farthing has led his men fearlessly and efficiently.

On one occasion during an air raid the Inspector heard faint cries coming from a building, the first floor of which was on fire. He searched the flooded basement without result. He then broke down the entrance gates, forced open a door and found a woman whom he brought out. He again entered the burning building and thoroughly searched it to ensure that no one else remained. The raid was very heavy at the time and bombs were falling in the neighbourhood. The woman undoubtedly owes her life to the prompt action and perseverance of Inspector Farthing.

Frank Leonard Jones, War Reserve Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Constable Jones has displayed outstanding courage and leadership in rescue work during enemy air raids.

On one occasion, when people were trapped in demolished houses, Jones immediately began digging with his bare hands to clear away debris. In spite of the grave danger of falling wreckage, the collapse of damaged walls and rapidly rising water from a burst main, he persisted in his efforts and reached a woman. He then sawed through joists and