

injured woman, who was pinned down by rafters. The two men cut through the rafters with a saw, taking care to prevent any collapse of overhead debris.

Gas and water were escaping and ammonia fumes were being given off from a damaged refrigerator.

After two hours' work in a very cramped and confined space the woman was extricated and carried to safety.

Augustus Blundell, Deputy A.R.P. Post Warden, Westminster.

Warden Blundell has shown outstanding courage during enemy air attacks. He has frequently risked his life to save others and on more than one occasion buildings have collapsed while he was inside performing rescue work.

Mr. Blundell has carried out his work without any consideration of his own safety and has saved many lives.

Henry James Cousins, Plumber, Bootle.

A high explosive bomb demolished a house and persons were trapped in a brick shelter. The top of the shelter was leaning on the bricks of the side wall which was pinning the casualties underneath. The back wall of the house had fallen on top of the shelter. Cousins crawled underneath a large concrete slab, which formed the roof of the shelter, and fixed props to take the weight. This allowed the brickwork to be removed and the victims were then extricated alive without further suffering. Mr. Cousins was fully aware that he might be buried under the bricks and concrete but risked his life to effect this gallant rescue.

Frederick Edward Mockford, A.R.P. Incident Officer, Deptford.

Mr. Mockford has displayed conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty throughout enemy air attacks on London. He has taken charge of all the major occurrences in his area and has been instrumental in saving many lives. On numerous occasions Mockford has risked his life to rescue persons buried in demolished buildings and has faced the many dangers with cheerfulness and determination.

He has examined and reported on unexploded time bombs and has carried out these duties with utter disregard of the danger to himself. Mr. Mockford has contributed greatly to the efficiency of the A.R.P. services and his courageous conduct, sustained for a lengthy period, has set a splendid example.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Maurice Cohen Starr, A.R.P. Warden, Holborn.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Clifford Arthur Thomas Stratton, A.R.P. Warden, Holborn.

Walter Alfred Ricketts, Member, Supplementary Fire Party, Holborn.

During an air attack, bombs demolished two blocks of flats and part of the building was set on fire. Three persons were trapped on the fourth floor.

An extension ladder was obtained but was not long enough. Starr, assisted by Stratton and Ricketts, climbed up the wreckage and helped two of the trapped persons to the room

below. The third had to be carried as he was injured. The uninjured victims were helped down the ladder by Stratton and Ricketts and then Starr, tying a rope around the injured man, carried him down the ladder. A few minutes later the building collapsed.

Starr, who acted as leader, Stratton and Ricketts, showed great coolness and courage.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Reginald Arthur Anderson, }
A.R.P. Warden, } Woolwich.
Edward Albert Kraft, A.R.P. }
Warden, }

A building received a direct hit and was completely demolished.

Wardens Anderson and Kraft tunnelled under the debris for nearly two hours. They were in constant danger from collapsing masonry but eventually succeeded in rescuing a man alive.

Both men showed great courage and devotion to duty.

Charles John Barber, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Leyton.

Joseph Charles Anselm Ryan, Junior Station Inspector, "J" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A high explosive bomb demolished a building and seven people were trapped underneath the wreckage.

Inspector Ryan, who was off duty, at once assumed command of the situation and, with the help of Leader Barber, hacked away the debris and made a small hole into which he crawled in an endeavour to reach the cellar. Barber followed him and after two hours hard work the trapped persons were released uninjured.

The men were in grave danger from a fire which was burning under the wreckage and there was also the possibility of a further collapse of the building. By their courage and disregard of personal safety, Ryan and Barber saved seven lives.

Herbert William Davey }
Beswick, Inspector, } Plymouth Police
Alan John Tucker Hill, } Force.
Police Constable, }

During an air raid incendiary bombs fell on a Goods Depot and ammunition trucks were set on fire. Nearby a wagon was burning in a shed, containing a large supply of food stuffs. It was essential that the wagon should be removed. Exploding ammunition was flying in all directions but, ignoring the danger to themselves, Inspector Beswick and Constable Hill entered the shed and managed to push the wagon to a position where it could do little damage.

The courageous action of the two men saved a substantial quantity of food.

Joseph Garside Brammall, Porter, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

When incendiary bombs fell on a siding, Brammall, who was aware that ammunition trucks were stabled there, at once, made his way to the spot and found a sheeted wagon of ammunition on fire. He removed an incendiary bomb from the top and then uncoupled and levered the wagon away. He helped to isolate other burning wagons and