

the casualty was with some difficulty extricated and lowered to the ground.

Mr. Phillips gave an outstanding example of coolness, bravery and devotion to duty in most dangerous and difficult circumstances.

Edwin James Povah, Deputy Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Willesden.

A high explosive bomb damaged a house and five persons were trapped inside. The only means of obtaining access was by tunnelling under a wall which was in an extremely unsafe condition.

Mr. Povah personally carried out most of this tunnelling work which took about three hours.

He displayed great determination and courage and by his efforts the five persons were rescued.

Miss Barbara May Rendell, Watchroom Attendant, Plymouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Miss Rendell worked throughout the intensive air raids on Plymouth and, although several H.E. bombs fell nearby, she remained at her post and carried out her duties in a cool and efficient manner.

An explosion caused windows, doors and ceilings to be blown into the room in which she was working and Miss Rendell sustained injuries and was partially buried in the debris. After treatment she wished to return to her work but was not allowed to do so.

The courage, fortitude and determination displayed by this girl were outstanding.

George William Saunders, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hackney.

Four women were trapped in the rear portion of a four-storey building which had collapsed when hit by a bomb.

Mr. Saunders tunnelled through the wreckage for about twelve feet and found the women pinned under a table. As he removed the debris, more fell on them, so he built an arch over their legs and remained inside while his men cut struts and boards to his instructions. With these he propped up the falling debris and was able to free the casualties without harm to them.

He worked for more than ten hours in a very confined space and, as the whole house was liable to collapse at any moment, refused to let any of his men relieve him.

Saunders showed coolness and courage and was responsible for saving four lives.

Henry Smith, Patrol Officer, Greenock Auxiliary Fire Service.

Patrol Officer Smith behaved with great coolness and disregard of personal danger when his sub-station was set on fire during an air raid. He was partially buried under falling debris but despite the injuries he received he continued to carry out his duties and set a magnificent example to his men.

Henry John Smith, War Reserve Constable, "N" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A bomb damaged a building, the remains of which were liable to collapse. War Reserve Constable Smith obtained a ladder, climbed to the top of it and then hauled himself on to a balcony which went round the first floor. He climbed through a window and entered a room where he found a woman buried up

to the neck in rubble. He began to dig with his hands although debris was falling and further bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood.

Smith eventually released the victim and carried her to safety.

William Norman Tudman, Section Officer, Greenock Auxiliary Fire Service.

Section Officer Tudman was in charge of a Fire Float when a bomb struck a quay, killing one of the crew and injuring another. The craft was also machine gunned. Nevertheless, with the casualties aboard, the Float was taken to its appointed post and was immediately put into action.

Tudman displayed considerable courage during the operations and was outstanding in the cool manner in which he went about his work and encouraged his men. He showed qualities of leadership which contributed in no small measure to the success of the Fire Brigade operations carried out in this raid.

Charles Baden Turner, Assistant Foreman, Port of London Authority.

During an air raid, Turner led a fire-fighting party with great courage and vigour, regardless of personal safety, and undoubtedly prevented many fires and the destruction of valuable property.

Samuel James Walker, Pier Master, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Throughout the period of air raids Pier Master Walker has displayed great courage and devotion to duty.

On one occasion a bomb demolished an air raid shelter and four men were trapped under the debris. Walker at once took charge of rescue operations and two of the men were rescued alive. During the rescue work bombs fell nearby.

Charles William White, Extra Dock Gateman, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

As the result of a bomb explosion a crane driver was blown into a dock. White dived into the water, swam a distance of twenty feet to the man and, supporting him, reached the anchor of a ship lying at the adjacent berth. In this position White held him until a ladder was lowered down the quay wall.

During the rescue, shell splinters and a considerable amount of debris were falling and White showed courage and endurance in effecting the rescue.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Sidney Ashton, Extra Dock Gateman, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Sidney Arthur Bedlow, Deputy Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Birkenhead.

Leslie Edward George Burrows, Ambulance Driver, St. John's, Ambulance Brigade, Bristol.

Ernest Clifford Smith Clarke (deceased), Boy Scout, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Charles Henry Cozens, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Camberwell.

Jack Dabbs, A.R.P. Messenger, Southwark.

Ernest Francis Denyer, Fire Watcher (Permanent Labourer), Port of London Authority.