

night and who had lost five members of his family, attempted, in the mental strain of the explosion, to throw himself into the street below from the tottering ward floor, from which the walls had been blasted. Nurse Marmion rescued him and took him to safety. When the Stretcher Parties arrived she assisted them in rescuing the patients, although she herself was cut about the face and bleeding profusely. She then rescued an injured patient from a bed over which a heavy window frame and debris had fallen and, balancing him around her shoulders, carried him down the stairs over masses of debris. She acted with particular courage and coolness in most difficult circumstances and having effectually dealt with her patients she then took steps personally to collect up dangerous drugs which had become dislodged from their protected cupboards in the various Wards and put them in a safe place. Her condition then was such that she had to be taken to hospital. A few days afterwards she was moved to Grovelands Hospital. The same night that hospital was heavily bombed with high explosives and incendiaries which blew in windows and window frames and started a fire in a Ward. Although the floor of the Ward in which she was then a patient was strewn with broken glass she unhesitatingly jumped out of bed and, in her bare feet, she assisted in rescuing other patients and taking them to safety.

Percy Blanchard Coleman, A.R.P. Warden, Malden and Coombe.

While on patrol during an air raid Coleman was blown down by the explosion of three H.E. bombs close together. Recovering from these shocks he hastened to his Post, reporting serious damage by incendiary and H.E. bombs to property, street mains and electric cables. On resuming his patrol he observed a partly demolished building on fire. With extreme personal risk to himself, he entered the blazing debris and rescued a young child from the flames. Having handed the child over to street helpers, he heard calls from the parents, and again entered the burning debris. By his heroic action in breaking through and clearing burning material, he was instrumental in effecting their rescue.

Continuing his work, he rendered valuable first aid to a young child blown into a bomb crater and badly cut by glass and splinters. He continued rescue work until, on the point of collapse, he was ordered by his Post Warden to rest and receive medical attention.

F. Collins, Night Porter, London Homeopathic Hospital.

After extinguishing fire bombs on and about the hospital, Collins had returned to the building when it was hit by a bomb. He immediately dashed to the site of the damage and showed great courage in going among the falling masonry and assisting in the rescue of a doctor and nurse trapped in the Casualty Department. He sustained injuries to his head and knee through the collapse of one of the floors, which precipitated him into the basement. In spite of his injuries, he insisted on carrying on with his duties until relieved some hours later.

John Richard Foley, Stoker, Park Hospital, Hither Green.

When the nurses' sick room at the Park Hospital was hit by a high explosive bomb, the building collapsed almost entirely and caught fire. One of the two sick nurses in the building was seen hanging to a roof beam over a hole from which flames were issuing. She dropped into the debris below, being badly burned in so doing. Stoker Foley, at great personal risk, succeeded in reaching her and getting her to a place of safety. He found the second nurse trapped between beams, and with assistance, succeeded in extricating her. Foley showed complete disregard of danger. Debris of the building, which was still on fire, was falling from time to time and throughout portions of anti-aircraft shell were falling in the vicinity.

Frederick J. Gradden, Deputy Leader, Rescue Party, Wimbledon.

During an enemy air raid a bomb fell on a large house and reduced it to a mass of debris. The whole of the walls, both internal and external, of the house collapsed and broke into fragments, some of which were estimated as weighing half a ton. The roof had also broken into large irregular pieces and collapsed, the ruin presenting a closely packed interwoven mass of beams, masonry, furniture, fittings, pipes, tanks, etc.

Rescue Parties arrived at the scene and heard the faint cries of a person who was trapped under the centre of this ruined mass somewhere near ground level. Repeated efforts were made from various directions to locate the position of the victim, and after a preliminary clearance on the outskirts, Gradden forced a devious route through the debris, having to saw and otherwise remove obstacles to enable him to pull himself along in a prone position. He continued without intermission to make progress in this way for about 20 feet, and, after two and a half hours, he reached the trapped person, finding her so securely held by the debris that she was quite unable to move either her head or her limbs.

He remained with her guiding the other workers who were trying to reach her from above. This particular work had to be done very carefully to avoid a closing up of the opening made by Gradden, who remained in this position for three and a half hours until the others reached the trapped woman. In all, Gradden was working in very dangerous surroundings for a total of over five hours, during part of which enemy planes were in the vicinity. The whole of the debris was impregnated with coal gas and this added to the difficulties. Eventually, as a direct result of Gradden's devotion to duty, the rescue party was able to remove the victim.

Gradden's bravery and skill in most hazardous circumstances undoubtedly preserved the life of the trapped person.

Henry Norman Gregg, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Emergency Medical Service, Coventry.

When the City of Coventry was heavily bombed by enemy aircraft Dr. Gregg showed a high degree of courage and resource which contributed to the saving of a number of