

which might have collapsed on them at any moment, to rescue two young women who were entrapped in the debris. They succeeded in freeing these women and dragging them to safety. Afterwards P.C. Hughes, amid constantly subsiding debris, managed to extricate an imprisoned First Aid Worker, who was then taken to hospital in an unconscious condition.

**William James Keery, Police Constable, Metropolitan Police.**

A very heavy bomb demolished a large part of a block of dwellings, causing many casualties. P.C. Keery attended with other Police Officers.

Cries were heard from a cellar and a small opening was found, blocked by debris and some heavy iron railings. With some difficulty this was partly cleared and a hole just large enough to admit a man was made.

Unhesitatingly Keery dropped into the cellar through this hole and, making his way through fallen beams and masonry, succeeded in bringing out, first a badly wounded man, then three children, one woman and two more men.

The P.C. showed extreme coolness and courage and worked regardless of danger to himself. The whole building was liable to collapse and the enemy were continuously overhead.

Immediately after this very fine effort, the P.C. applied himself to further rescue work and was unsparing in his efforts to render aid to the trapped occupants of the buildings.

**Henry Harrison Stephen Kinlan, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.**

**Edward James Storer, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.**

Fireman Kinlan with Auxiliary Storer assisted in saving four buildings containing high explosives. They remained at their post in face of flying debris and exploding shells of various calibres and, by their action, set an example of courage to their comrades. They insisted on remaining even when reminded of the imminent danger of explosion.

**Clarence Lambie McDonough, Station Inspector, Metropolitan Police.**

During an air raid three houses were demolished and one severely damaged, causing one fatal and five other casualties.

Station Inspector McDonough, in response to the cries of trapped victims, climbed over a pile of rubble and entered a small room through a window and succeeded in passing several of the injured persons to safety. All this was done in the dark and the room in which the Inspector was working might have collapsed at any moment. Enemy aircraft were still in the vicinity. McDonough then discovered that an elderly person was pinioned by a heavy beam, and, though unsuccessful in extracting the victim himself, he stayed with him until he was freed. He also led a rescue squad to a top floor where another man was rescued and taken to hospital.

On another occasion a big fire broke out as a result of enemy bombing. Four storeys of a building were alight and the roof was in

very great danger of collapse. Station Inspector McDonough stood on the top of the staircase and operated a stirrup pump while molten lead was actually falling on his shoulders. After the arrival of the Fire Brigade he removed the stirrup pump and a moment or so later the roof collapsed. As operations had then to be carried on from outside the building, McDonough, with other officers, climbed to a large flat roof to assist in pulling up the Brigade hoses and directing the nozzles. He did not leave this position until the Fire Brigade had the fire completely under control, even though he was in need of medical treatment as a result of burns from the molten lead.

**Albert Victor Martin, Police Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.**

Two dwelling houses were demolished by a bomb. P.S. Martin accompanied by an Inspector proceeded to the scene of the incident. On arrival they heard a woman's voice crying for help from somewhere underneath the wreckage.

Sergeant Martin immediately crawled under the debris of the demolished house to go to her assistance. No sooner had he started his attempt than the wall of an adjoining house collapsed on top of the wreckage under which he was crawling. Eventually he succeeded in reaching the trapped woman, but it was only with the greatest of difficulty that he managed to signal to the Inspector, above, his whereabouts under the wreckage. Part of the debris on top of the Sergeant and the woman was removed and a rope and saw were passed down to Martin. By this time he had removed a large block of concrete that had been pinning the woman down and, with the help of the rope, this was pulled to the surface. The woman by this time was very hysterical and it required all the Sergeant's tact to prevent her from struggling and making the situation much worse.

Sergeant Martin eventually dragged the woman through the hole to safety.

Both the Sergeant and the woman he had rescued collapsed on reaching the surface.

**Timothy McGugnan Muir, Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.**

**Samuel Thomas Melvin, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.**

Sub-Officer Muir assisted with the rescue of nurses from a riverside hospital which was on fire as a result of enemy bombing. When told that the Matron was still in the hospital and despite the fact that the pier was also alight, he and Auxiliary Fireman Melvin re-entered the burning hospital and rescued her. The auxiliary tender in which they placed the Matron ran into a crater in the dense smoke, but they got her safely out of danger in another vehicle.

**William Charles Skillern, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.**

Skillern was in charge of the first fire appliance attending a call to a building on fire. On arrival it was found that the major portion of the building had collapsed, part of the basement and the upper portion of the premises were on fire, and persons were trapped in the basement.