

During the whole of the time rescue operations were in progress, there was a very strong escape of coal gas, and fires were burning in the grates of the houses. Brooks showed conspicuous courage throughout the night with complete disregard for his own life.

Clifford Dunning Bruce, A.R.P. Plotting Officer, Bristol.

Throughout the enemy air raids on Bristol, Mr. Bruce has voluntarily undertaken the dangerous work of examining all reported time bombs with a view to furnishing his Headquarters with accurate information concerning them. He has visited and reported on a large number of bombs and, in the course of this work, he has experienced many narrow escapes and has shown outstanding courage. The information given by him has been of the greatest value.

David Lionel Grigg, Police Sergeant, "P" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A German aeroplane crashed on two dwelling houses demolishing both and burying the residents. Four persons were rescued, slightly injured. Shortly afterwards, four more bombs were dropped nearby, only a few yards from the Police and Rescue Parties, causing them to suspend operations for a few minutes. When the rescue work was resumed, it was discovered that a number of bombs, several of which were still attached to parts of the machine, were amongst the debris. Two more persons were trapped underneath and it was necessary to remove the bombs before they could be extricated.

Police Sergeant Grigg volunteered to carry the bombs from the wrecked houses and removed three of them from the wreckage. He was about to return for a fourth when it was suspected that one or more were about to explode. Nevertheless, Grigg again entered the wreckage and removed the bomb.

The Sergeant then crawled beneath the debris and located one of the trapped victims, who was eventually rescued.

Grigg, who had no special knowledge of bombs, showed great courage and devotion to duty.

John James Jones, Senior Refinery Fireman, National Oil Refineries' Fire Services.

Bombs, dropped on an oil tanker, started fires in a tank and on deck. All the ship's tanks were in a gassy condition and therefore liable to explode.

Fireman Jones and a volunteer party, assisted by members of the jetty staff and some of the ship's personnel, boarded the ship and extinguished the fire in the tank. There still remained a rope fire on the fo'c'sle head which was not readily accessible. Fireman Jones made a hazardous climb up the damaged structure, without ladders, on to this deck and put out the fire by means of water passed up in buckets from the sea. It was an extremely dangerous climb in the dark with bombs dropping and a heavy barrage overhead. Jones showed great courage and saved the tanker from destruction.

Daniel Crawford Logan, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, and Resident Hospital Medical Officer, Clayponds Emergency Hospital.

Mustapha Kamill, House Surgeon, Clayponds Emergency Hospital.

A time bomb penetrated the roof of the Diphtheria Block at the Clayponds Hospital, coming to rest among debris on the floor of the bathroom, without exploding.

Dr. Logan and Dr. Kamill, who had experienced the results of previous bombings on the hospital, arranged for the evacuation of the patients. They carried out their duties with coolness and courage, regardless of any danger to themselves, and prevented the possibility of great damage being done to the hospital buildings and to the houses of people adjoining. There is no doubt that by their initiative and devotion to duty, Drs. Logan and Kamill saved many lives.

William Shutt, Auxiliary Fireman, Birmingham Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid a large fire broke out in some old four-storey buildings. The crews could make little progress owing to three gas mains which were burning at various parts of the premises.

Auxiliary Shutt volunteered to enter the buildings and attempt to cut off the gas. Under extremely dangerous conditions he worked in the building for about forty minutes. Heavy girders, machinery and walls were continually falling and the fire was blazing fiercely. He advanced through the burning buildings and was successful in partially reducing the gas jets in two places.

He was finally brought out in an exhausted condition, but insisted on remaining with the crews until the conflagration was brought under control.

Frederick Victor Walker, Senior Examiner, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

William Harry Yoxall, Inspector, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

The day following the heavy air raid on Coventry, a time bomb was found to be embedded in a Factory workshop. Mr. Yoxall, together with Mr. Walker, volunteered to investigate the actual position and ascertain the danger.

The bomb was discovered in the entrance to an underground concrete shelter. By their subsequent actions they prevented further damage to the building.

George Frederick Waters, Group Engineer, Surrey.

Mr. Waters advises the local authorities on the recognition and confirmation of reported time bombs, and supervises the arrangements for any special assistance required by the Bomb Disposal Sections.

In most of the cases personal inspections have been made by Mr. Waters and he has undoubtedly risked his life every day carrying out his duties.