

to raise a mass of the wreckage and then crawled underneath and brought the two victims to safety.

He assisted at other incidents and, when a number of houses was wrecked, he gave valuable aid in the work of rescue. His disregard of danger had a very reassuring effect on the people concerned.

Sergeant Russ worked untiringly and showed great devotion to duty.

Francis John Taylor, Police Constable, Salford Police Force.

During a raid a large explosive bomb fell about forty yards from Constable Taylor, blowing him to the ground and completely demolishing five houses. Although feeling the effects of the blast, he removed people from the debris and carried them into his own Anderson shelter nearby. He then helped to recover bodies from the wrecked houses. Later, he searched for an unexploded bomb, and, having found it, evacuated people in the district to rest centres. He returned to give valuable assistance at a works fire.

At another demolished house he excavated some six feet of debris and located a child. During the whole of the raid Constable Taylor showed indefatigable energy and coolness.

Leslie Thomas, Police Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Incendiary bombs were dropped in large numbers by enemy planes and fires were started.

P.C. Thomas showed courage and initiative in dealing with conflagrations in works premises and, by his prompt action, saved important buildings from destruction. Throughout, he was in continual danger from high explosive bombs which were dropped in the neighbourhood.

Albert Walters, District A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

Warden Walters has personally supervised most of the incidents in his district, which has been heavily attacked.

He has set a wonderful example of devotion to duty during heavy barrages, while in considerable personal danger from bombs and falling buildings.

The fact that so many major incidents in his district have been successfully dealt with, is due very largely to his efforts and to the fine example he has shown to the Wardens.

Edwin Frederick John Whybrow, A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

Warden Whybrow, at considerable personal risk and when bombs were still falling, rescued a man from a shelter in which he was buried. He afterwards located two persons who were underneath their wrecked home and tended them until the Rescue Party arrived. He also helped to rescue a woman who was trapped in the pantry of her house which had been hit by a H.E. bomb. Whybrow has set a fine example of devotion to duty without thought for himself.

James Buxton Wiles, Police Constable, Salford Police Force.

During a heavy air raid Constable Wiles showed exemplary coolness and initiative.

Although blown down by blast from a H.E. bomb he searched in the debris of some demolished houses and found an Anderson shelter which had been completely buried under the wreckage. The shelter was crushed, but, after much labour, he recovered four people, three of whom have survived. After attending to the casualties, Wiles continued his search and, although the debris was burning, he rescued a woman and a dog. Wiles showed untiring energy and devotion to duty.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

George Robert Abel, Charge Engineer, Stepney Borough Council.

Miss Georgina Nelly Adams, A.R.P. Warden, Birmingham.

Leonard Allen, Blacksmith, Birmingham.

Reginald Arthur Anderson, A.R.P. Messenger, Woolwich.

Joseph William Armitage, Auxiliary Fireman, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

George Walter Baker, Chief Engineer, Hatfield.

William Henry Benstead, Police Inspector, Berkshire Constabulary.

Albert Francis Conway, Officer, Company Fire Brigade, Standard Telephone & Cables Limited.

Thomas Frederick Ellis, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

John Evans, A.R.P. Warden, Swansea.

Leslie Clive Fisher, Service Manager, Cardiff.

William Ford, A.R.P. Sector Warden, Birmingham.

Dennis Horace Albert Gay, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

David Gumbley, Fitter's Mate, Birmingham.

James Gumbley, Millwright, Birmingham.

Alan Henry Harden, Machinist, Birmingham.

Frederick John Hopcroft, M.C., A.R.P. Warden, Swansea.

Charles Jowett, Works Foreman, Bristol.

Henry William Kenneth Kelly, Acting Scientific Officer, Admiralty.

Edward Albert Kraft, A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

Frank Leech, Police Constable, Salford Police Force.

Jane Hay, Mrs. McFall, A.R.P. Ambulance Attendant, Woolwich.

Sheila Margot Amy McKechnie, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Edith May McNamara, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leslie Michael McSweeney, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.

George Charles Henry Matthews, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.

Richard Denis Gabbett Moore, Junior Station Inspector, Metropolitan Police.

James William Morgan, Firewatcher, Thos. Baxenden & Company Ltd., London.

William Edward Morgan, Firewatcher, Thos. Baxenden & Company Ltd., London.