

brought out. He released five persons who were trapped under a girder and rescued twelve others.

The second bomb caused Mr. Bates to be flung to the ground. Regardless of flying debris, the increased danger of collapse of the buildings and the possibility of the boilers in the cleansing station bursting, he continued his rescue work.

His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his colleagues.

Henry Leslie Brooke, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Coventry.

A dwelling house was demolished by a high explosive bomb and the six occupants were buried in the wreckage.

Brooke and his men rescued two of the victims. Groans were heard from the direction of the cellar where a man was seen to be trapped by heavy timber. A hole was cut in the wall through which to remove debris by means of a bucket. In this confined space—too small for the use of an ordinary saw—Brooke worked with a hacksaw for three hours in conditions of considerable danger from falling debris and escaping coal gas. He would not leave his task until his efforts were successful because he knew the great danger of movement. He even administered an injection to the injured man under the guidance of a doctor.

In saving this man's life Brooke displayed exceptional gallantry and determination.

George Robert Butler, Meat Factory Hand, Liverpool.

John Jackson, Grocer's Assistant, Liverpool.

A high explosive bomb totally demolished three dwelling houses and severely damaged others. A woman was buried and trapped under the debris of one house in which a fire broke out.

Jackson and Butler were attracted to the scene by the woman's screams and immediately began the work of rescuing her.

They removed a large amount of debris and Jackson, going first, made a tunnel, passing the debris out to Butler, who followed him and threw it clear.

Continuing these operations they were successful in reaching and extricating the woman who was suffering from severe burns.

While effecting the rescue both Jackson and Butler were in constant danger of being trapped under the debris, part of which was on fire and likely to fall on them at any moment. There was also heavy gunfire at the time and bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood.

George Hubert Dean, Police Constable	} Metropolitan Police.
John William Turner Mead, Police Constable	
Rov Victor Edward Slowley, Police Constable	
Ernest John Tricker, Police Constable	
John Thomas Cain, Costermonger, Hackney.	

The factory premises of a Paint Manufacturer received a direct hit from a H.E. bomb.

One end was wrecked and it was not long before the whole building was ablaze.

P.Cs. Dean, Mead, Tricker and Slowley arrived on the scene, and were joined by Cain, a boy aged 15. Cain knew that several persons were trapped in the private basement shelter directly underneath the fire, and the party separated in an endeavour to find an entrance.

After being repelled several times by smoke and heat, they all eventually found their way into the basement, having to pass through burning wreckage, paint, water and "live" electric wires dropping around them from the ceiling. Paint was inches deep on the floor, and within a very short time the whole party was saturated.

They found that a part of the basement had collapsed and several men were trapped underneath. The debris and everything around was running with oil paint, which was pouring from the floors above, and flames were rapidly approaching. The officers and the boy Cain speedily freed six men from the wreckage and carried them on doors and planks to where ambulances waited to take them to hospital.

A few minutes after the last of the six victims had been removed from the basement, the whole interior of the building collapsed.

The rescues from the shelter under this factory were effected at great personal risk—a risk which must have been recognised by all concerned. There would have been no possible chance of escape for the rescued persons had the police constables and the boy not accepted the risk and faced it with gallantry and courage.

Calypso Clarence Gammon, District Officer, Birmingham Fire Brigade.

District Officer Gammon was in charge at premises which had been severely bombed and were ablaze from end to end.

An Auxiliary Fireman, whilst engaged on the fire, ventured too far along one of the passage-ways at the side of the building. The heat caused one wall to collapse outwards and he was struck, rendered unconscious and buried by the debris.

Gammon found him in a sitting position surrounded by burning wreckage. His legs were pinned under a large concrete girder and the flames were rapidly sweeping towards him.

The District Officer removed the almost red hot brickwork with his hands, and, despite the fact that other portions of the wall were continually falling in and the fire had almost reached him, succeeded in lifting the concrete girder and released the man. District Officer Gammon displayed great courage and disregard for his own safety.

Arthur Edward Knibbs, General Dealer, Birmingham.

A high explosive bomb demolished a house, trapping two women and a youth. Knibbs climbed over debris and rescued the younger girl. There was a small hole leading down to the kitchen fire, which was still burning.