

Francis George Markin, Inspector, Salford Police Force.

Houses were wrecked by high explosive bombs and persons trapped under the wreckage. Inspector Markin attended and organised rescue operations. Throughout, enemy aircraft dropped incendiary and high explosive bombs. Though the work of rescue was hampered by the danger of the property collapsing, it continued until all persons were extricated.

The Inspector helped to recover the dead and injured, and took charge of a Police Rescue Party engaged in fighting a nearby fire.

His courage and complete disregard of danger was most encouraging to all.

George Harold Nicholls, Section Officer, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Upon arrival at a fire it was reported to Nicholls that a woman was trapped in the building. Although the roof was liable to fall, and there was a possibility of being overcome by escaping gas, he disregarded all danger and crawled through the debris, rendered First Aid, and finally rescued her.

The roof actually collapsed a few minutes after the woman had been brought to safety.

William Petley, General Mechanic, Chief Engineer's Department, London County Council.

Petley exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty when hospital buildings were destroyed by fire during an air raid. He assisted the Fire Brigade in rescuing, by river, female nursing and domestic staff, and local residents. He himself remained behind, working incessantly throughout the afternoon and evening, fighting the fires, until the evacuation of the area was ordered.

George Wally, Ambulance Driver, Salford.

A house was demolished during an air raid. On arrival at the scene Wally volunteered to tunnel through with bare hands, as a pick and shovel could not be used. After labouring strenuously for two hours, refusing all offers of relief, he was successful in locating a woman who was trapped by large beams across her legs. Pending the arrival of a doctor, Wally, without thought of personal danger, protected the woman with his own body from the danger of the roof of the tunnel collapsing. After the doctor had administered morphia, Wally returned along the tunnel, removed the beams and extricated the woman.

Tom Nicholas Wilcock, Station Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Station Officer Wilcock was in charge of a Fire Pump when a bomb exploded nearby, disabling the appliance, severely wounding one member of the crew and injuring two others.

Several trams and a char-a-banc were wrecked, and two gas mains, one on each side of the road, were fractured and set on fire.

Assisted by his men, he forced his way into a burning tramcar and extricated the injured conductor and passengers. After his wounds had been dressed he returned to

the station, and, obtaining a spare appliance, had it manned by some of his crew, with himself in charge.

Wilcock, although suffering great pain from cuts and shock caused by glass splinters and blast, showed initiative and courage.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Francis Henry Arden, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

William Leonard Ashman, Assistant Engineer, Portsmouth and Gosport Gas Company.

Richard Bailey, Police Sergeant, Manchester City Police.

Derryck Barnes, Mechanical Engineer, Paddington.

Mary Barrow, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Practitioner, Birmingham.

Walter Christopher Baverstock, M.M., Retort House Fireman, Gas Light and Coke Company.

William Beckett, Special Constable, Salford Special Constabulary.

Arthur Cyril Beech, Patrol Officer, Wolverhampton Auxiliary Fire Service.

Harry George Percy Blunden, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

James Bowtell, Section Officer, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Robert Bracken, Leader, First Aid Party, Salford.

William Bernard Burton, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Nottingham.

Leonard Albert Butchers, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

James Calvert, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Edmund Henry Charnock, J.P., Chief A.R.P. Warden, Smethwick.

Andrew Campbell Clarke, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., Divisional Police Surgeon, Salford Police Force.

Frederick Henderson Cope, Assistant Works Chemist, South Metropolitan Gas Company.

Arthur Ralph Daunton, A.R.P. Warden, Croydon.

Arthur Davenport, M.M., Police Constable, Manchester City Police.

Patricia May Davies, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Frank Leslie Dawson, Labourer, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Robert Thornton Oscar Day (deceased), Leader, Work's Firefighting Squad, John Palmer Ltd., Portsmouth.

Walter Edward Dennis, Depot Superintendent, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Weymouth.

Arthur David Duffy, Auxiliary Messenger, London Auxiliary Fire Service.

Arthur John Ellis, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

John Evans, Acting Officer, Birmingham Fire Brigade.

George Thomas Farrow, Siphon Pumper, Gas Light and Coke Company.

William Frost, Lorry Driver, Wandsworth.

William Gregorv, Police Constable, Manchester City Police.

Ernest William Griggs, Siphon Pumper, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Thomas William Haigh, A.R.P. Warden, Birkenhead.

Albert William Herring, A.R.P. Warden, Paddington.