

In view of this risk Mr. Pollard took the leading part in the actual operation himself, working in the hole and fixing the shores and struts necessary to support the heavy piles of loose debris. Eventually four persons were released.

Mr. Pollard acted with initiative and coolness, displaying great personal courage and efficient leadership throughout.

Patrick Smyth, Postman, Glasgow.

Mr. Smyth displayed great courage and devotion to duty in remaining at his post as fire fighter throughout a very heavy bombardment. He stayed in the open, tackling the incendiaries as they fell, with complete disregard of his own safety and undoubtedly saved the post office.

Miss Elsie Catherine Lucie Spear, Cigarette Packer, Bristol.

During a heavy raid Miss Spear helped wardens to deal with incendiary bombs. A high explosive bomb partly demolished a house and two people were injured. Miss Spear rendered first aid to one victim and then summoned a stretcher party for the more seriously injured man. During her journeys to and from the First-Aid Post high explosive bombs fell close by but, despite the danger, Miss Spear showed commendable coolness and rendered valuable help to the A.R.P. Services.

Howard Charles Thompson, Head A.R.P. Warden, Portsmouth.

Head Warden Thompson has shown consistent bravery, powers of organisation and leadership during a period of heavy air raids.

On one occasion he extricated people who were buried in the remains of a shelter. He rendered first aid and undoubtedly saved the lives of two persons.

Alfred John Trayling, A.R.P. Warden, Bethnal Green.

A house was demolished by a high explosive bomb and people were trapped.

Trayling made an opening and hacked his way through to the trapped men. The debris was falling and closing the gap behind him. He directed those above in the removal of the wreckage and the trapped people were eventually released.

Ernest Cuthbert Wilson, Fireman, Works Fire Service, Portsmouth.

Incendiary bombs penetrated the glass roof of a factory and started fires in various parts of the shop. At the same time a fire was started in an adjoining shed and on a derelict barge. Some houses were also set alight.

A fire party, under Mr. Wilson's supervision, immediately tackled the various fires. To reach the fire in the derelict barge the party had to wade through deep mud while H.E. bombs fell close at hand.

Mr. Wilson showed great gallantry, resource and efficiency in extremely difficult and dangerous conditions.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

William Harold Ashby, Police Constable, Ramsgate Police Force.

Cecil John Barker, Auxiliary Fireman, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service.

Frederick Harold Bastick, Fireman, Ramsgate Auxiliary Fire Service.

George Frederick Bond, Purifier Attendant, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Ernest Walter Bowlden, Officer, H.M. Borstal Institution.

Frank Carnell, Fireman, Honiton Fire Brigade.

Robert Henry Nichol Cassells, Retort House Foreman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

George Cockerill, Chargeman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Joseph Henry Cogger, Stoker, Mid-Kent Gaslight & Coke Company.

Norman Cowling, Officer, H.M. Borstal Institution.

Henry Dean, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Portsmouth.

William Robert Eddings, Process Worker, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

William Elgood, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

Frank Garrett, Officer, H.M. Borstal Institution.

Francis Gibbs, Office Cleaner, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Frederick Percy Giles, Acting Storehouse Assistant, Admiralty Outstation.

Cyril George Gunner, Process Worker, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Margaret Rose Hamer, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Miss Rosemary Hill, Southsea.

Robert James Hudson, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Wandsworth.

Edward Joseph Jacobs, Valveman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Grace Jessup, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Hermann Frederick Kubsch, Leading Fireman, Croydon Auxiliary Fire Service.

James John Lavender, Water Gas Operator, Mid-Kent Gas Light & Coke Company.

Margaret Miller, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Murray Alfred Page, Gas Stoker, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Eric Albert Plummer, Assistant Mains Superintendent, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Phillip James Polley, Assistant Stillman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Penry James Price, Stillman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Alfred Rickman, Watchman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Charles Risby, Stillman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

William Rolinson, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Portsmouth.

Harry Scribens, Plater, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

George Henry Sharp, Fireman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Kathleen Emmeline Smith, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Cyril John Rennison Stockley, Assistant Valveman, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.

Herbert Charles Stone, Valveman, Bristol Gas Company.

Albert James Swann, Assistant Mains Superintendent, Gas Light & Coke Company Limited.