

John Joseph Furlong, Police Constable, Southampton Police Force.

During the height of an air raid Police Constable Furlong was told that a fireman was lying, badly injured, in the open.

Although the area was being very heavily bombed the Constable immediately searched for the wounded man but was himself seriously injured before he could bring him in. Furlong managed to obtain the assistance of another police officer, returned with him, and together they carried the fireman to shelter.

Police Constable Furlong showed great courage and devotion to duty despite the serious injuries he had sustained.

Sydney Richard Hilsley, A.R.P. Warden, Kensington.

A high explosive bomb demolished a house and a family was trapped. Fire broke out in the debris but in spite of the increasing flames Warden Hilsley entered the wrecked building and brought out a child to safety. He returned and freed the mother. He again returned and succeeded in releasing the father who was pinned beneath wreckage.

Hilsley acted with great gallantry and saved three lives.

Henry Towers Holland, A.R.P. Warden, Ealing.

A bomb fell on a building, which was mostly of timber, and immediately caused a terrific fire.

Hearing cries for help Warden Holland plunged into the burning building and, although almost overcome by the flames and smoke, succeeded in bringing out a fellow warden.

Blazing wood from the roof was falling and Holland showed great bravery in the face of very grave danger.

Arthur Henry Marshall, Commandant, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Croydon.

Mr. Marshall has shown great ability and ingenuity on many occasions during air raids. In difficult and dangerous circumstances amongst demolished buildings, he has been instrumental in saving several lives. On one occasion he led a squad into a wrecked building and did most of the dangerous work himself, passing the debris to his line of men behind him until a man was reached and rescued. The slightest false move would have brought down a wall on the top of the Rescue Party.

Mr. Marshall has shown great courage and devotion to duty.

John W. Ross, Leader, Stretcher Party, Casualty Service, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Holborn.

A bomb was dropped on a building and Ross took a squad of men to the scene. Another bomb was dropped which blew him across the street.

The premises were blazing furiously and, although burning debris was falling all around, Ross led his men into the basement shelter and brought out many casualties.

He worked for several hours in the burning building although it was bombed again and was in danger of collapse.

Ross showed calm courage and his unhurried, skilful treatment helped enormously to prevent panic and to get out the maximum number of casualties.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Frederick George Coker, Inspector	} " S " Division, Metropolitan Police.
Vernon Thomas	
William Hite, Special Constable	

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Charles Henry Lee, Special Constable	} Special Constabulary, " S " Division, Metropolitan Police.
Charles Robert Orr, Sub-Inspector	
Gerald Frederick Payne, Sub-Divisional Inspector, " S " Division, Metropolitan Police.	

When severe damage was caused by enemy action Inspector Coker went to the scene with other officers and took charge of police arrangements.

He assembled his men and began a systematic search of bombed houses, rescuing people, extinguishing fires, and arranging for evacuation where necessary.

Despite the fact that they had no equipment of any kind, many splendid and heroic rescues were achieved by these officers, who continually risked their lives in appalling conditions.

Awarded the George Medal:—

George Peerless, A.R.P. Warden, St. Marylebone.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Miss Winifred Ortweiler, A.R.P. Warden, St. Marylebone.

A bomb wrecked a dwelling house. Miss Ortweiler scrambled down a very small hole into the basement and found four people trapped and unable to move.

She reassured them but was not strong enough to effect their release. There was an escape of gas and, to avoid an explosion, she put out the kitchen fire. Warden Peerless then entered the hole. He obtained a saw and cut away the corner of a dresser until it was possible, with the help of Miss Ortweiler, to free three persons who were then helped out of the basement.

Warden Peerless stayed behind and made a most gallant effort to rescue the remaining victim.

Both Wardens behaved with great gallantry, being fully aware of the danger from coal gas.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Alfred Reeve, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Sydney Thurland Reynolds, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

A large bomb demolished a public house and persons were trapped.

Many tons of debris were piled high over the spot. Reeve climbed down into a hole