

Dorothy Kate Gardner, Probationer Nurse, Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.

During an air raid Nurse Gardner was in charge of the private ward at the Royal East Sussex Hospital. Hearing the noise of a falling bomb she threw herself across a patient in an effort to protect her. The bomb hit the balcony immediately outside the ward causing the roof to fall in and the nurse was covered with an immense amount of debris.

Nurse Gardner received very serious injuries but by her gallant action she undoubtedly saved the life of her patient.

Alfred George Hammon, } A.R.P.
Leader, } Rescue Party,
Joseph Carley, Member, } Hendon.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb and the debris caught fire. To reach the victims it was necessary to tunnel twelve feet under a collapsed floor.

Carley, together with Hammon, worked in the tunnel, in smoke and coal gas fumes, close to the fire which was burning under the wreckage. Both men showed complete disregard of danger and, in spite of the poisonous atmosphere in which they worked, carried on until they rescued a man and a woman.

Ronald Jackson, Probationary Constable, Birmingham City Police.

When H.E. bombs demolished some flats, parts of a concrete floor fell across a bed on which a woman was lying. Wardens succeeded in removing some of the concrete from the woman's chest but she was still trapped from the waist downwards. It was considered too dangerous to remove any more of the debris as there was every possibility of the remainder of the ceiling falling.

Jackson then went to the rear of the house and attacked the wreckage from the outside. He succeeded in burrowing a way through and reached the fallen masonry which was pinning the casualty. Lying in water from burst pipes he commenced sawing through the concrete and, after working alone for two hours, he succeeded in freeing the injured woman.

Jackson showed great courage and gallantry, being fully aware that the remainder of the building might collapse at any moment.

Sidney Kelsey, Stretcher Bearer, A.R.P. Casualty Service, West Ham.

A high explosive bomb damaged a house. After working through the night the Rescue Parties ascertained the position of a trapped woman.

Kelsey, lying on his back, worked with bare hands to excavate a tunnel to reach the casualty and he undertook her treatment and support while efforts to rescue her were continued. For ten hours he had to lie in a hole among fallen debris, under heavy overhanging wreckage which was in danger of collapse and at a point near an escape of gas.

Kelsey showed great gallantry and endurance in effecting this rescue.

Lambert Ernest Porter, War Reserve Constable, Police War Reserve, "X" Division, Metropolitan Police.

High explosive bombs partially demolished a number of houses.

Porter heard a small child crying under the debris and commenced to remove pieces of wreckage. The child was buried beneath a portion of the house wall which was sloping at a dangerous angle and liable to collapse at any moment. Despite a warning of the great risk involved Porter refused to cease work and continued until he succeeded in releasing a twelve months old baby unharmed.

Porter showed gallantry in very dangerous circumstances.

Albert Samuel White, Assistant Superintendent, First Aid Parties Depot, Portsmouth.

William Lane, Leader, } First Aid Party,
Leonard Wilson, Leader } Portsmouth.

After the explosion of a time-bomb two persons were trapped under debris and White, Lane and Wilson immediately set to work to reach them. In a very confined space they cut through three thick brick walls, their only tools being a hammer and two axes. Despite the fact that bombs were dropping nearby and that there was another unexploded time-bomb within thirty feet, they worked for three hours until the casualties were reached.

In order to extricate the victims two of the men protected them with their bodies whilst the other scraped rubble away with his hands.

These men showed great courage and determination with complete disregard of their own safety, being fully aware of the danger from the unexploded time-bomb.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Julian Anthony Formunt, B.Sc., A.M.Inst.C.E., Chief Engineering Assistant, Borough Engineer's Department, West Ham.
John Alexander King Hamilton, M.Inst.C.E., Resident Engineer, Chief Engineer's Department, London County Council.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Herbert Alfred Chapman, Drag Line Driver, John Mowlem and Company.
William Ransley, Banksman, John Mowlem and Company.

For brave conduct in hazardous circumstances.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Ernest Alfred Roland Bell, } Senior A.R.P. Warden,
Harold Frank Bailey, A.R.P. } Southampton.
Warden, }

Arthur Robert Cleverley, Special Sergeant, Southampton Special Constabulary.

Casualties were trapped under the wreckage of a house which had been demolished by a high explosive bomb. Wardens Bell and Bailey and Sergeant Cleverley found that the only part of the house still intact was a window frame, which was supporting