

William Mawdsley, Leading Fireman, Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leading Fireman Mawdsley worked for three days, without rest, in charge of Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service Fire Floats. He piloted the Floats through canals, locks and burning debris on the river in black-out conditions and showed initiative, resource and coolness in the most trying conditions.

Ernest Walter Newark, Inspector, "Y" Division, Metropolitan Police.

A bomb was dropped near some shelters. With a Police Rescue Party under his command, Inspector Newark quickly restored a situation fraught with grave danger. He organised the work of stretcher parties and, with his men, worked for nearly three hours during a heavy raid. It was largely due to the Inspector's leadership and organising ability that one hundred persons trapped in the shelters were rescued.

Miss Betty Phillips, Member, A.R.P. Mobile Unit, Cardiff.

During an air raid a Mobile Unit was struck by a number of incendiary bombs. Miss Phillips, notwithstanding that she had been seriously injured by a splinter of a H.E. bomb, immediately attacked the resulting fires and helped to remove the medical equipment to safety. It was not until the fires had been successfully extinguished and the equipment removed that she disclosed the fact that she was wounded.

Miss Phillips showed pluck and devotion to duty.

Thomas Clifford Prosser, Deputy Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Rescue Parties, Swansea.

Mr. Prosser has supervised all the outside rescue work during and after raids throughout the Borough of Swansea. He personally assisted his gangs in their work, much of which has been hazardous and dangerous, and he has shown great bravery and set an inspiring example to those working under his direction.

Henry Edward Shaw, Fireman, London Fire Brigade.

Fireman Shaw was in charge of a sub-station on several occasions during enemy raids on London. His conduct was an inspiration to the men under his command and his untiring efforts were responsible for fires not getting out of hand. Fireman Shaw by his courage and initiative has set a splendid example.

Arthur Stoakes, Auxiliary Fireman, Manchester Auxiliary Fire Service.

Auxiliary Fireman Stoakes acted as a motor-cycle messenger for over four days with only three hours rest. During this period, amongst other duties, he carried messages when the telephone system failed, extinguished incendiary bombs. He distributed petrol by using a rope sling, carrying one tin on his chest and one on his back. His action in delivering this petrol kept Units working until other means of transport were available.

Stoake's conduct, at all times, has been courageous and efficient.

Charles Henry Thatcher, Temporary Leading Fireman, Carshalton Auxiliary Fire Service.

After fighting fires for several hours in the City of London it became necessary for Thatcher to transfer the operations of his crew as it appeared that all means of escape would soon be cut off. Whilst part of his crew held back the fire at one point, the remainder made up their equipment and prepared to leave. Driving through the flames they managed to make their escape into another street, only to find that it was a sheet of flame at both ends and seemingly impossible to traverse.

As it was impossible to save the vehicle, Thatcher organised a salvage party and leading his men through an underground tunnel to safety was successful in saving much of the equipment.

#### COMMENDATIONS.

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

Sidney Baker, Police Constable, Swansea Police Force.

Joseph Thomas Beardsmore (deceased), Leader, Registered Street Fire Party, Smethwick.

Arthur Leonard Butler, Fitter, Hendon Borough Council.

Harold Rolph Cade, Special Constable, Warwickshire Special Constabulary.

James Cameron, Police Constable, Liverpool Police Service.

John Brown Crammond, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.

Richard Curtis, Special Constable, Grimsby Special Constabulary.

John Dickie, Deputy Harbour Master, Clyde Navigation Trust.

Frederick James Dowler, Sub-Officer, Wembley Fire Brigade.

Miss Lilian Dorothy Fletcher, A.R.P. Warden, Southampton.

Hilda Mary, Mrs. Harris, Section Leader, British Red Cross Society, Devon.

George William Hudson (deceased), A.R.P. Warden, Smethwick.

Clifford Ivor Ireland, Examiner, Aeronautical Inspection Department, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Richard Bradshaw McFall, Police Constable, "Z" Division, Metropolitan Police.

John James Mackenzie, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Ed., Medical Officer, First Aid Party Depot, Glasgow.

Hector McSwann, Deputy Harbour Master, Clyde Navigation Trust.

Patrick Murphy, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.

Walter Henry Murton (deceased), Police Constable, "M" Division, Metropolitan Police.

George Nash, Fireman, Wembley Fire Brigade.

John Edward Noble, Apprentice in tool making, Bristol.

Frederick Thomas Price, Police Sergeant, Swansea Police Force.

Maxwell Raffell, Scout A.R.P. Messenger, Bristol.

Colin William Roberts, Examiner, Aeronautical Inspection Department, Ministry of Aircraft Production.