

Percival Fletcher, Member, First Aid Party, Plymouth.

When a First Aid Post was hit by a H.E. bomb, Fletcher entered the collapsed building and was largely responsible for the release of the trapped personnel. He set an example to the whole unit by his courage, cheerfulness and tirelessness.

Eric William Godfrey, A.R.P. Warden, Bristol.
Frank Woods, Bristol.

During an air raid a house was partially destroyed and a man and a woman were trapped under the stairs.

To reach them Woods crawled beneath a considerable amount of debris and with his hands removed woodwork and bricks.

He was assisted by Godfrey and eventually the victims were released.

Both men were in danger of being buried under the debris through which they were digging, and they showed much courage in effecting the rescue.

Emmanuel Graham, Special Constable, Birmingham Special Constabulary.

Throughout enemy air raids on Birmingham, Special Constable Graham has shown courage and determination in carrying out duties assigned to him. He has driven regularly through the streets, while raids were in progress, conveying police and rescuers to incidents where their services were required. Graham has also helped to rescue people trapped in demolished buildings and has consistently displayed perseverance and devotion to duty.

Arthur Hill, Orderly Sergeant,
Arthur Saunders, Orderly Private, } Hospital Train,
Bristol.

Sergeant Saunders and Private Hill were on night duty when a hospital train was set on fire by enemy action. The coaches of the stationary trains on either side of them were blazing, making a target for the bombers which were dropping H.E. and incendiary bombs. Despite this they immediately proceeded to remove the stores and blankets.

Later in the raid they were informed that a man was lying injured some 500 yards away on the railway line. They immediately procured a stretcher and ran to the spot, at times having to fall flat to escape blast from falling bombs. They found the man unconscious and, with great difficulty, negotiating numerous obstacles, carried him to a station, a distance of more than a quarter of a mile.

Having completed this hazardous and dangerous journey, they made their way back to the hospital train and resumed their valuable work of saving the equipment.

Alfred William Jackson, Inspector, Police Reserve of Pensioners, "N" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Inspector Jackson has displayed outstanding initiative and leadership throughout the whole period of intense enemy air activity. By his coolness and courage he has set a splendid example to the men under him.

Sergeant Frederick Alfred Lane, Royal Marine Police Special Reserve.

Constable William Henry Evans, Royal Marine Police.

During an air raid Sergeant Lane organised a fire-fighting party and as a result of his courageous efforts a serious fire was averted.

Constable Evans showed courage and initiative when incendiary bombs fell on dangerous material and he saved much valuable property.

Howard George Miles, Police Messenger, Police Auxiliary Messenger Service, Coventry.

During a severe enemy air attack Police Messenger Miles rendered great assistance by delivering urgent and important messages. He dealt with many incendiary bombs and, at grave risk to himself, helped to rescue a baby who was trapped in the wreckage of a house. Miles showed courage and devotion to duty.

George O'Connell, Driver, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Bristol.

During an air raid Driver O'Connell, with complete disregard of his own safety, made many journeys through badly bombed areas taking casualties to hospital.

Although himself wounded he continued to render invaluable assistance.

Alfred Leslie Poretta, Police Auxiliary Messenger, Coventry.

During an air raid Police Messenger Poretta was blown some distance by the blast of a bomb. Although suffering from the effects of this shock, he immediately made his way through the debris and reported to the A.R.P. Control Room. During a particularly violent spell of bombing he volunteered to take an urgent message for the Casualty Services. This journey took over an hour to accomplish. On numerous occasions he has delivered messages in circumstances of great danger.

Charles Ernest Rudge, Senior }
A.R.P. Warden. } Birmingham.
Charles William Bowker, }
A.R.P. Warden. }

Geoffrey Canning, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Service.

A man was trapped and buried in the wreckage of a demolished house.

Rudge and Bowker were joined by Canning and the three men started digging and sawing through heavy furniture, wooden joists, and a staircase to get to the casualty. After about an hour they reached the man, who was trapped by the legs. Bowker and Canning continued sawing through the debris and Rudge supported the victim until he was released three hours later. During this time bombs were dropped nearby and brickwork fell from overhanging parts of the roof.

The Wardens and the Constable worked bravely and well and by their continued efforts saved the man's life.

Herbert Ruffle, Member, City and Marine Ambulance Brigade, Bristol.

As a result of enemy action a building collapsed and people were trapped. Mr. Ruffle, with great difficulty, managed to enter