

several men lying severely injured and one man trapped. They removed all of them to safety and then climbed to the second floor where they were joined by Captain Bailey. Search was made for two men known to be trapped on the premises. After removing a quantity of debris, one man was released and lowered to the ground. The rescuers then climbed to the third floor and eventually located the other man who had apparently fallen through to the floor below. Coomber, assisted by Bailey, tunnelled under the wreckage while Grose removed rubble passed out to him. In spite of the fact that debris was continually falling around them, and a large slab of stonework was hanging overhead in a dangerous position, they succeeded in releasing the casualty.

Police Constable Pope, who was on duty nearby, was thrown to the ground by the force of the explosion. He recovered and, after attending to two severely injured victims and helping seven people to safety, he scrambled up to the second floor of a building where a woman was trapped. He made an opening in the wreckage and, by supporting himself with his right hand, gradually lowered himself. After removing debris with his left hand, he was able to extricate the woman, who climbed over his back and was hauled to safety.

The rescues were performed while an air attack was still in progress. Huge pieces of masonry and timber were poised in perilous positions, and the danger was further increased by escaping gas and water.

Francis Bartlett, A.R.P. Warden, Hammer-smith.

A H.E. bomb demolished two houses. Warden Bartlett worked his way through the collapsed roof, the ceiling and floor of the upper room and, after sawing through joists, reached three women in a small space on the lower floor. Two were quickly released but the third was pinned down by wreckage. Bartlett with great difficulty eventually managed to extricate her.

He was in danger from the wreckage under which he worked and from an escape of gas which temporarily affected him. Despite this he afterwards entered the adjoining damaged house and helped to rescue a man.

Hannah Billig, M.B., B.S., Medical Practitioner, Stepney.

During an air raid Dr. Billig, although herself injured, left shelter to attend to casualties in the street. Bombs dropped within twenty yards of her but for four hours she continued to give treatment to the injured.

She showed great bravery and attention to duty, regardless of her personal safety and injuries.

Edward Brimmer, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Beckenham.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb and a man was trapped. Brimmer crawled under the wreckage and removed debris by hand until he reached the casualty. He worked in a very confined space into which there was a constant leak of coal gas. Immediately above was a tottering chimney and the surrounding debris was liable to

collapse on him. Despite these dangers Brimmer remained with the man cheering and comforting him, at the same time giving directions to the Rescue Party who were tunnelling through the wreckage overhead. Eventually after nearly seven hours the victim was released.

Brimmer showed great gallantry and it was largely due to him that the man was rescued.

Bernard Doyle, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Practitioner, Solomon Woolfson, District A.R.P. Warden,	}	Stepney.
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During a severe air raid a large building was hit and caught fire.

Dr. Doyle and District Warden Woolfson entered that part of the building which was alight and wrecked and found two men trapped. Two H.E. bombs which rocked the blazing building dropped within twenty yards of the rescuers, but they continued their rescue work and both victims were removed to safety.

More H.E. bombs fell nearby and two men of the Rescue Party were buried. One of these men was quickly removed but the other was pinned down by half a ton of masonry. Dr. Doyle was again called to give treatment and whilst so doing more bombs were dropped, but in spite of this Dr. Doyle stayed with the casualty until he was removed to hospital.

Woolfson remained at the scene of the incident the whole of the time aiding the rescue work, and did not leave until all casualties had been removed from the building.

Both men showed great courage in very dangerous circumstances.

Henry Ford, Process Worker.

During an air raid Mr. Ford voluntarily left his shelter to help in rescue work. He found a man who was badly injured and unable to move. In spite of continued bombing, Ford carried the casualty half a mile to the Ambulance Room. During this journey they twice had to shelter from falling bombs.

Ford showed great courage and risked his life to save that of his fellow worker.

James William Crichton Leslie, Police Constable, "L" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Edward Scanlon, Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Camberwell.

A high explosive bomb partly demolished a house and a little girl was trapped under ten feet of wreckage. Scanlon tunnelled beneath the debris towards the child but was unable to reach her. Police Constable Leslie then crawled into the tunnel and Scanlon followed him. Owing to lack of space neither man could use more than one hand, finally, by lifting the debris piece by piece and propping it in position with wooden struts they managed to reach the child, but could not get her out. The child's arm was trapped by the debris supporting the party wall, which, if disturbed, would probably bring down the wall on the child and the rescuers. The combined weight of the two men was an added source of danger and they therefore took turns at removing the debris bit by bit