

above the girl's arm, until after one and a half hours' work she was lifted out uninjured.

Police Constable Leslie and Mr. Scanlon acted with great courage and without regard for their personal safety.

Justyn Paul McKenna, A.R.P. Post Warden, Stoke Newington.

A H.E. bomb seriously damaged a house, fractured the gas main and the wreckage caught fire. Warden McKenna, despite the extremely dangerous condition of the building, crawled through a small hole in the wreckage. Lying full length, he removed debris and after working in this position for an hour released two children.

McKenna showed great gallantry and devotion to duty.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Alison Jean McNairn, M.B., B.S., Assistant Medical Officer, City General Hospital, Plymouth.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Veronica Agnes Clancy, Probationer Nurse, City General Hospital, Plymouth.

When the hospital was hit Dr. McNairn was buried to the neck in debris. She was extricated, and despite shock and injuries, assisted in the rescue work and gave medical assistance to injured patients and air raid casualties admitted to the hospital. She would not have treatment for her own injuries until all other cases were being cared for, but despite severe pain continued to give aid.

Nurse Clancy helped to find and carry from the debris injured children, despite the fact that she was suffering from a severe scalp wound. She showed great devotion to duty.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division).*

Joan Anderson, Probationer Nurse, Knightswood Emergency Hospital, Glasgow.

Nurse Anderson was one of a team which manned a mobile First-Aid Post summoned to render medical aid to injured men trapped in a basement shelter under a building which had suffered a direct hit from a H.E. bomb. She showed conspicuous bravery in crawling under heavy debris to administer morphine and stimulants to the casualties. Although the building was in a very dangerous state and bombs fell nearby she repeatedly did this throughout the night. On one occasion she had to be held by the feet while she made her way through the wreckage.

Frank Osborn Beard, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Leyton.

H.E. bombs caused the collapse of several houses and three persons were buried.

Beard cut his way through floor joists and furniture, propping up the tunnel with wood and jacks. He also had to cut through the staircase which had collapsed on to the casualties. This was a hazardous undertaking, as a huge pile of debris, lodged above, was liable to fall.

After eight hours' work Beard reached the victims and they were released.

Sidney Arthur Bedlow, Deputy Superintendent, A.R.P. Rescue Parties, Birkenhead.

Mr. Bedlow has done excellent work with the Rescue Parties in Birkenhead from the commencement of air operations over the city. He has several times assisted in the rescue of persons trapped in damaged houses which were likely to collapse further, and has at all times shown great leadership and devotion to duty in organising his squads both during and after air attacks.

Robert Agnew Brabender, Leader, Fire Party, (Assistant Inspector (Postal)), Renfrewshire.

During an air raid Mr. Brabender was in charge of the fire party at a Post Office. While patrolling the upper floors he was flung across a corridor by blast from a H.E. bomb but he continued his patrol.

Incendiary bombs caused a fire which was promptly attacked and extinguished by Mr. Brabender and his team. Precautions were taken to prevent further fires being caused by flying sparks from the burning buildings around.

Mr. Brabender showed great coolness and by his fine leadership, foresight and resource inspired confidence in his team with the result that the Post Office escaped serious damage.

Sidney Clark, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

A house was demolished by a H.E. bomb. Senior Warden Clark immediately went to the rescue of the occupier who was buried under the wreckage. The task was a precarious one as debris and masonry were falling, but in spite of this Clark supervised and actively assisted in rescuing the man.

On another occasion the Senior Warden at great risk to himself searched for many hours in dangerous buildings trying to trace missing people.

Leonard Douglas Clarke, A.R.P. Warden, Hampstead.

A H.E. bomb partly demolished a house. Warden Clarke, with great difficulty, entered the wreckage and released two women who were trapped in the basement. He then climbed to the first floor being throughout in considerable danger from overhanging masonry and there found a man who was buried to the waist. Clarke released him and succeeded in the difficult and dangerous task of carrying him through the crumbling debris to safety.

John Henry Cole, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

During an air raid a woman was trapped when trying to leave a building through the hall. The side wall and roof had collapsed on her, leaving dangerously poised debris overhead. She was seriously injured and great care was necessary whilst effecting her rescue. Cole worked in the narrow space without regard for the danger which threatened him and it was due to his outstanding work that the casualty was safely extricated.

On another occasion Cole crawled through a hole under the floor of a collapsed building to search for people thought to be trapped in a cellar which was rapidly filling with water.