

Lerner and Beare began tunnelling into the debris. Both men had to work in a confined space, lying down and passing back debris to other members of the party. After working for one and three quarter hours they had proceeded a distance of eighteen feet and were able to reach and extricate the four casualties.

John Frederick William Lindsey, Inspector, Plymouth City Police.

During an air raid the City Hospital, Plymouth, was struck by high explosive bombs. Children and nurses were trapped beneath the debris which caught fire, causing dense smoke and fumes.

Bombs continued to fall nearby but despite these dangers and difficulties Inspector Lindsey directed rescue operations and, under his able and courageous leadership, the police rescued nine children.

Nicholas Mann, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Plymouth.

During an air raid Leader Mann worked underneath a building, which was liable to collapse, in order to reach a young woman trapped beneath the debris. He was eventually successful and managed to release her.

Mann displayed excellent leadership and on all occasions has set a magnificent example to his squad by his resource and complete disregard of personal safety.

William Cecil Marshall, Police Constable	} Plymouth City Police.
Terrence Albert O'Connor, Police Constable	
Frederick Samuel Stanley, Police Constable	

Alfred Henry Dearing, Special Constable, Plymouth Special Constabulary.

During a severe air attack these Constables were on duty in the City. Business premises were hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and many fires broke out.

While the raid was still intensive, the men were actively engaged in rescue work, liberating many people and rendering first aid to the injured.

The four Constables, who were in considerable danger the whole time from high explosive bombs and from the collapse of buildings, showed commendable courage and devotion to duty.

Charles George Martin, Leader	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Coventry.
Clarence Duffield, Driver	

During an air raid Martin and Duffield were instrumental in saving many lives where houses had been demolished and persons injured.

At one incident a tunnel collapsed whilst Martin and Duffield were in it, placing them and the trapped persons in serious danger. There was the added danger of escaping gas but while Duffield made a small shaft in the debris for ventilation, Martin continued to direct the rescue work and all the victims were rescued. Both men have shown courage and devotion to duty.

Robert Herbert Metcalfe, Gunner, Merchant Navy.

During an air raid Metcalfe helped to put out fires on board his own and other vessels.

He then climbed on to the roof of a warehouse and successfully tackled fires which threatened to spread to surrounding buildings.

He was also instrumental in saving a ship from destruction and throughout the raid displayed courage and enterprise.

Reginald Charles Moore, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Plymouth.

During an air raid Leader Moore, at great personal risk, searched a five-storey building which was liable to collapse at any moment. He accounted for all the occupants and saw them safely into their shelter.

By his personal courage and resource he set a fine example to the men of the Rescue Party.

John Henry Morson, A.R.P. Warden, Birmingham.

David Watson, Police Constable; First Police Reserve, Birmingham Police Force.

A high explosive bomb demolished houses and persons were buried. Warden Morson and Police Constable Watson, after working for one and a half hours removing a large quantity of debris, were successful in releasing two women.

During this time H.E. bombs were falling, one only twenty yards away. There was a delayed action bomb within thirty yards of the scene but despite this danger, of which they were well aware, the Warden and the Constable worked on with complete disregard of their own safety.

Alicia Perris, Section Officer, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Section Officer Perris was on duty in the watchroom of an A.F.S. station which was set on fire during an air raid. She was ordered to evacuate the building but notwithstanding the danger of the situation, made certain, before leaving, that as many important records as possible were taken to safety.

She took over watchroom duties at another Station until it again became necessary to evacuate. Section Officer Perris maintained her courage and composure and gave most able assistance in establishing control, and taking over watchroom duties.

Throughout the raid Section Officer Perris showed great devotion to duty, disregard of danger and fine qualities of leadership.

David Reading, District Officer, London Fire Brigade.

During an air raid District Officer Reading took charge of an area of intense fire comprising a number of City streets. In the face of great danger he made his way from street to street, safeguarding the lives of his crews and withdrawing appliances when excessive danger made this step imperative.

When the fires were at their height it was reported to him that two employees of a firm were still at their posts. With great difficulty Mr. Reading succeeded in reaching them and helped them to make their way out when most exits were cut off by fire and the whole building smoke logged. Mr. Reading suffered acutely owing to the painful condition of his eyes through the intense heat and smoke but in spite of this his direction enabled the crews to save a large building from total destruction.