

Henry Edward Sanders, Skilled Member,	}	A.R.P. Rescue Party, Holborn.
Walter James Seaborne, Skilled Member,		

A H.E. bomb fell on a large block of tenements. Owing to the destruction of the stairs the occupants of one end were trapped. Those on the lower floors were removed by a ladder which was of insufficient length to reach the fourth storey where a man and his wife and daughter were trapped.

Seaborne and Sanders entered the adjoining building, mounted to the top floor and jumped across a five foot gap over a thirty foot drop between the two buildings on to the roof of the damaged tenements. They attached a rope to a chimney stack and Seaborne was lowered to a fourth floor window which he succeeded in entering. Sanders then cast off the rope from the stack. Seaborne tied a chair knot and was about to lower the victims to the ground when a fire escape arrived. These operations were carried out while bombs were falling in the neighbourhood.

Both men showed courage and resource.

James Shannon, Staff Officer, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Nuneaton.

During an air attack Mr. Shannon displayed great courage and devotion to duty in directing and controlling the work of the Rescue Service.

He visited practically all the incidents where his Service was in operation and personally undertook the recovery of trapped persons from collapsed buildings. During the raid Mr. Shannon succeeded in rescuing two people from under debris despite danger from an unsafe wall. At another incident, he took charge of the rescue operations and carried on through heavy bombing in the course of which he was himself buried under debris.

Clifford Stroud, Inspector, Plymouth City Police.

During intense air raids on the City of Plymouth, Inspector Stroud maintained effective control of operations in the bombed area. In extremely dangerous and difficult conditions he directed the rescue of many persons trapped in debris and in burning buildings.

The Inspector was several times blown off his feet and severely shaken by blast from H.E. bombs but, although suffering from exhaustion due to prolonged hours of duty, he continued to supervise and control police operations at many large incidents.

By his display of courage and cool leadership he set a splendid example to the men under his command.

Lilian, Mrs. Summers, A.R.P. Warden, Bootle.

During an air raid this Warden, who had been working alone at her post, walked half a mile through the height of the raid to make a report. Although urged to remain under cover, as bombs continued to fall nearby, she insisted on returning to a Post where she believed wardens to be trapped.

Mrs. Summers showed great coolness and courage and a complete disregard of her own safety.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Phyllis Ivy, Mrs. Boyd, Nurse, Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

Miss Ivy Brown, A.R.P. Warden, Lambeth.

Miss Gwendoline Muriel Burn, Ambulance Driver, First Aid Unit, Plymouth.

Arthur Thomas Butler (deceased), Assembler, Coventry.

David Crofts, Driver, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Shoreditch.

Miss Hannah Deasy, Nurse, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Herbert Dolby, Leader, Works Fire Fighting Squad, Stratford.

Frederick Foster, Fire Watcher, Hull.

George Alfred Gagan, Ordinary Seaman, Merchant Navy.

James Harper, Barman, Birmingham.

Lucy Elizabeth, Mrs. Hedges, Auxiliary Driver, London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.

Josephine Agnes, Mrs. Hills, Nurse, Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

Captain James Christian Houmark, Master, Merchant Navy.

Miss Adela Florence Howard, Nurse, Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Charles Alfred Keogh, F.R.C.S., M.B., B.Ch., Surgeon, London.

William Alfred Knott, Fire Watcher, Portsmouth.

William John Loram, Police Sergeant, Plymouth City Police.

Charles David Low, A.R.P. Messenger, Wallasey.

Alexander Hendry MacKie, M.D., Medical Practitioner, Birmingham.

Charles Marson, A.R.P. Sector Warden, Birmingham.

Teresa Martindale, Nurse, Civil Defence Medical Service, Wallasey.

Stanley Boydell Mills, Boy Scout Messenger, Casualty Service, Eccles.

William John Muir, Third Engineer, Merchant Navy.

Ellen Sophia Nightingale, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

Buckle O'Gorman, Contractor's Man, Deptford.

William Pritchard, Temporary Sergeant, Birmingham Police Force.

Edwin Gilbert Robberds, A.R.P. Warden, Birmingham.

Ernest Sayer, Firewatcher (Employment Clerk), Ministry of Labour Outstation Office.

Gerald Shakespeare, Fire Watcher, Hull.

Alfred Smith, A.R.P. Sector Warden, Birmingham.

Alfred Edwin John Smith, Acetylene Welder, Birmingham.

Robert Smith, A.R.P. Messenger, Birkenhead.

George Edward Stanton, A.R.P. Warden, Wandsworth.

Miss Mabel Stanton, Ambulance Attendant, First Aid Unit, Plymouth.

Leonard Charles Taylor, Fire Watcher, Deptford.

Eric John Thrush, A.R.P. Messenger, Bristol.

Miss Lilian Upcott, Deputy Auxiliary Station Officer, London Auxiliary Ambulance Service.