

Arthur Griffiths Hartley, Chief Assistant Gas Engineer, Plymouth Corporation Gas Undertaking.

Mr. Hartley has been on duty throughout the enemy air raids on Plymouth and, by his courage and leadership, has been instrumental in saving a considerable part of the Gas Works.

On one occasion a gas holder was set on fire. It jammed on its descent and burnt fiercely at the water tank. Mr. Hartley, with the assistance of an A.F.S. man, put out the blaze and so prevented a very serious explosion.

Laura Eleanor, Mrs. McKay, Sister and Assistant Matron, City of London Maternity Hospital.

Sister McKay was in charge when the City of London Maternity Hospital was bombed. Her calm demeanour during this and previous air raids gave confidence to the rest of the staff, who co-operated magnificently in securing the comfort and safety of the patients. Her courageous example contributed largely to the entire absence of panic and to the safe evacuation of the inmates.

William Remington, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Mobile First Aid Unit, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Woolwich.

During enemy air raids Dr. Remington has shown resource and a high sense of duty.

A H.E. bomb demolished dwelling houses. Dr. Remington was lowered through a hole in the top of the wreckage, which was in a very dangerous condition, to some casualties underneath. He gave them morphia and remained whilst the rescue party dug out the victims.

On another occasion when a building was demolished and people were trapped, Dr. Remington regardless of his own safety stayed at the incident for three hours giving treatment to the casualties.

Councillor Thomas Watt, J.P., Chief A.R.P. Warden, Woolwich.

Throughout the period of air raids Councillor Watt has carried out excellent work often at considerable risk to himself.

On one occasion a bomb demolished a house and people were trapped. Councillor Watt took an active part in directing rescue operations in spite of the fact that the wall of an adjoining house was liable to collapse.

Leonard Frank Worthy, Area Engineer, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

Mr. Worthy has shown outstanding courage and skill in the work of restoring vital services during and after air raids on the City of London. He has directed all the external work and throughout the night while raids were still in progress he regularly visited the men working in the streets. His indifference to personal danger and the splendid example he set to the staff under his control contributed in a large measure to the early restoration of services damaged by enemy action.

*To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Eric Walter Morrison, Works Superintendent, Nottingham Corporation Gas Department.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Percival Tyrrel Hague, Chargehand, Nottingham Corporation Gas Department.

During an air raid incendiary and H.E. bombs were dropped on a gas-works. Two gasholders received direct hits and a third was damaged.

Mr. Morrison, helped by Mr. Hague, isolated the various sections of plant which had been damaged. Whilst doing this their clothes were set on fire by the flames from a gasholder. Mr. Morrison calmly continued directing operations and shut the plant down. His courage and determination were outstanding and he was successful in saving the chief parts of the plant.

Whilst H.E. bombs were being dropped in the district Mr. Hague climbed to the top of a gasholder 90 feet high and knocked off three incendiary bombs which were burning on the crown. His coolness was an inspiration to other men and his courage and leadership contributed largely to the saving of the works.

*To be an Additional Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Willoughby Merwyn Hammett Drake, Chief Officer, Stourport-on-Severn Fire Brigade.

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

William Thomas Hill, Inspector, Plymouth Police Fire Brigade.

During an air raid a number of fires broke out. Inspector Hill at once began firefighting operations and was later joined by Chief Officer Drake of Stourport Fire Brigade in charge of several appliances and crews.

Although at one time a large area was threatened by fire, these two Officers, by their masterly handling of the situation, prevented the fires from spreading and their courageous and persistent efforts resulted in much valuable property being saved.

Chief Officer Drake and Inspector Hill showed courage and steadiness in very dangerous conditions and set a splendid example to their men.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Geoffrey Vaughan Blackstone, Divisional Officer, London Fire Brigade.

Sydney Herbert Boulter, Temporary Acting Sub-Officer, London Fire Brigade.

A high explosive bomb demolished a building leaving one wall in a tottering condition. Five members of the Fire Service were on beds on the ground floor of the building and were entombed under the debris which was supported by iron girders inclined against the damaged wall. Bombs were falling in the district at the time and the blast made the wall sway dangerously. Mr. Blackstone, fully realising the extreme danger of the wall falling, began