

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Robert Corke, Electrician,	} Gas Light and Coke Company.
Alfred Linney, Fireman,	
Thomas Works	

When an enemy air attack was made on a gas works, fires were started in benzole and tar plants. Mr. Brodie took charge of operations in the tar plant and, assisted by Mr. James, fought the fires throughout the night. The men worked in extremely dangerous conditions surrounded by exploding tanks and ankle deep in tar pitch. More than once they were stuck in the tar and had to be hauled out but despite the dangers and difficulties they remained at their posts, got the fires under control and saved much valuable material. Mr. Linney and Mr. Corke also showed great courage and devotion to duty, working throughout the raid with utter disregard of their own safety and setting a fine example to the employees of the works, all of whom fought the fires with courage and determination.

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Elymer Ankers, Sergeant, Liverpool Fire Brigade.

When bombs fell on a railway siding an ammunition train caught fire and the contents of the railway trucks exploded.

The Fire Brigade arrived and Sergeant Ankers at once took charge of the fire fighting and rescue work.

In attempting to control the fires and remove the ammunition train from the area, he showed a complete disregard of his own safety and acted with courage and resource.

Raymond William Baker, Acting Skilled Workman Class I, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

During an air raid Mr. Baker, who was in charge of an important building, organised and directed his staff in dealing with a fire which threatened to involve the premises. H.E. bombs fell and the gas and water pipes inside the building were fractured. In the most difficult and hazardous conditions Mr. Baker took prompt measures and after more than an hour's work the fire was brought under control.

It was due largely to the resourceful leadership and courage of Mr. Baker that no major catastrophe occurred to a building containing much valuable equipment.

Eric Henry Brown, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Ilford.

A H.E. bomb demolished houses and fire broke out in the wreckage, in which two women were trapped.

Despite the difficulty of breathing in the smoke-filled atmosphere Brown persistently entered and re-entered the wreckage and eventually succeeded in removing the debris which was covering one of the women.

After four and a half hours' work Brown was injured and was instructed to withdraw but he continued working until exhausted.

Mr. Brown displayed great courage and devotion to duty in extremely dangerous circumstances.

Charles Leslie Cairns, Police Constable, Bootle Police Force.

During an air raid a shelter together with its occupants was blown into the rafters of a house.

Under the leadership of Police Constable Cairns, rescuers climbed to the damaged roof and lowered the victims to the ground.

During this time adjacent houses were on fire and bombs dropped nearby shaking the roof which was in a very dangerous condition. The Constable fell through on two or three occasions but recovered himself and carried on until the rescue work was completed.

It was due to the initiative and energy of Police Constable Cairns that the rescues were achieved.

Willem De Mont, Auxiliary Fireman,	} London Auxiliary Fire Service.
Harold Stanley Ingham, Auxiliary Fireman,	
Dugald MacGregor MacColl, Auxiliary Fireman,	
John Alfred Terrence MacDonagh, Auxiliary Fireman,	

A H.E. bomb caused severe damage to a house and as a result two girls were trapped on the fifth floor. The four Auxiliary Firemen reached the room by way of severely damaged adjoining roofs and rescued the girls through a hole cut in the roof. The firemen then carried them across the neighbouring roofs and down through another house.

This rescue was extremely hazardous owing to the collapse of the interiors of the buildings, and the four men displayed courage and resource in effecting it.

Francis William Faulkner, A.R.P. Warden, Coventry.

Douglas Francis Fisher, Fitter, Coventry.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb demolished two dwelling-houses, trapping some people in the wreckage. Warden Faulkner, Mr. Fisher and four others started to rescue the victims when another bomb dropped in the roadway, killing three of the rescuers and injuring Fisher and Faulkner. They received first aid treatment and then returned to the scene and helped to extricate the casualties. Although by this time Fisher's left arm was useless he went to another incident and helped in rescue work until he finally collapsed through loss of blood. Warden Faulkner also carried on despite his injuries and dealt with a large fire.

Both men showed courage and endurance.

Joseph Thomas Flavell, Police Sergeant, Birmingham Police Force.

During an air attack an incendiary bomb fell on the roof of a grocer's premises, a fire was started between the rafters, and the building quickly became full of thick smoke. Sergeant Flavell and a constable entered the premises and attempted to reach the bomb. Flavell made a hole in the plaster with his truncheon and the two men then played on the flames with a stirrup pump. They were in a very hazardous position and the constable suddenly collapsed owing to the smoke in his lungs. Flavell immediately went