

to his assistance and though the constable weighed over 14 stone the sergeant carried him down two flights of stairs through the smoke laden atmosphere to safety.

Sergeant Flavell showed courage and determination and undoubtedly saved the life of the constable.

Albert George Freeman, Skilled Member, Richard Charles Habberley, Skilled Member, Charles Arthur Storrer, Member,	}	A.R.P. Rescue Party, Poplar.
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A building collapsed as the result of a direct hit by a H.E. bomb and people were trapped under heavy masses of brick and steelwork.

Work was started at a small opening and Storrer and Freeman hacked through a 14-inch wall and crawled under the debris which had to be supported by short lengths of strutting to prevent further collapse.

Storrer worked until he was exhausted and had to be dragged out. Freeman then carried on and after one and a half hours' work one casualty was extricated.

Habberley, who had been wounded by a splinter from a H.E. bomb while assisting his comrades to extinguish incendiary bombs, also worked under the debris until he collapsed from exhaustion and was taken to hospital.

The three men showed great courage and determination.

Alfred George Gibbs, Sub- Officer, Alfred James Layte, Sub- Officer,	}	London Fire Brigade.
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During an air raid a building was damaged, all the staircases were destroyed and fires broke out. A woman was trapped in a back room on the third floor. The room adjoining and the floor above were alight.

Sub-Officer Layte first attempted to ascend by the aid of a hook ladder but, owing to the overhanging coping and debris, was unable to climb on to the projecting roof.

Layte and Gibbs then got on to the top of a service lift and were hoisted up to the roof by members of the crew. Layte brought out the woman and carried her along the roof. Assisted by Gibbs, he managed, with the woman on his back, to get on to the top of the lift and the two were lowered to the ground.

It was due to the courage displayed by these two Officers that the woman was saved.

Joseph Goldson, Patrol Officer, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

Throughout enemy air attacks Patrol Officer Goldson has displayed outstanding leadership and resource.

On one occasion he made rapid arrangements for relaying water from the Docks and, by the placing of his appliances, undoubtedly prevented a fire spreading to the adjoining buildings.

Unexploded time bombs nearby in no way deterred him and in order to satisfy himself as to the safety of his men, he constantly exposed himself to considerable danger from falling debris.

William Hall, Foreman, William Carlin, Member, John Partridge, Member, Frederick Skitt, Member,	}	A.R.P. Rescue Party, Birmingham.
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During an air raid a building was hit by H.E. and incendiary bombs. Two men were pinned by the legs under blocks of concrete and were surrounded by flames. Hall, Carlin, Partridge and Skitt, without thought for their own safety, worked so close to the fire that the remainder of the Party made a chain and threw buckets of water on them to prevent their clothes catching fire. After nearly two hours, during which time high explosive bombs and incendiaries were falling very near to the scene of the incident, the trapped persons were released.

Bridget Gibson Harris, Auxiliary, Women's Auxiliary Fire Service, London.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb fell within twenty yards of Auxiliary Harris and demolished a house in which fires broke out.

In spite of the shaking she had received, Harris immediately began to clear away debris in an effort to reach people trapped in the basement. By the time further help arrived she had made substantial progress and she continued the work for over an hour, during which time more bombs were dropped nearby and there was constant danger from falling masonry.

During that night, Auxiliary Harris helped to lay out many lengths of hose and on one occasion manned a branch.

She displayed a high standard of courage and devotion to duty, and worked with tireless energy throughout the night, carrying out duties to which she was not normally assigned.

John Henry Higgins, Unestablished Skilled Workman, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office. (Now Aircraftman II No. 1227461, R.A.F.)

Mr. Higgins was outstanding amongst the men engaged on the work of restoring telephone services damaged by enemy action. He undertook work at night in many dangerous situations where buildings were liable to collapse at any moment and while bombs were falling nearby. He showed devotion to duty without thought of personal danger.

Joan Winifred Hobson, Auxiliary, London Women's Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid, a fire was reported but no appliances were available. Auxiliary Hobson, on her own initiative, took lengths of hose, a short ladder and equipment, and, commandeering a car, attended the fire with two auxiliary firemen. She fought the flames from the roof opposite for three and a half hours and succeeded in checking the outbreak, thereby saving the lower rooms and the surrounding buildings.

During the time that Auxiliary Hobson was at work, bombs fell nearby. She showed remarkable initiative and courage throughout the incident.

Herbert William Horton, Tradesman (Plumber), London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

In the course of the operations for the restoration of telephone service damaged