

during an air raid, it was essential that special efforts should be made to reduce the volume of water entering a tunnel. Mr. Horton, who had already carried out many miscellaneous jobs with exceptional ability, volunteered to stop the leaks. He showed great determination and courage in carrying out this work in dangerous circumstances. Sometimes standing in three or four feet of water where a slip would have resulted in serious injury, he caulked the leaks in the tunnel tubing above him while the water poured over him. His efforts were successful and in the result the tunnel was cleared.

Arthur Jackson, Skilled Workman, Class I, London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

Mr. Jackson was the foreman in charge of a cable gang engaged in replacing cables damaged by enemy air action. He displayed great skill in the methods adopted and, by his leadership and example in difficult and dangerous conditions, he shortened considerably the time required for the various processes. Mr. Jackson has never permitted personal danger to delay his work.

John Edmund Jones, Auxiliary Fireman, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

During enemy air attacks on Liverpool, Auxiliary Fireman Jones has acted with coolness and courage.

On one occasion, although he was suffering from an eye injury and the effects of blast from a nearby explosion, Jones took up a very dangerous position in order to prevent a fire from reaching an air raid shelter. He maintained his position despite the knowledge that an unexploded time bomb was only a few feet away from him and that he was in danger of being trapped by fire.

His coolness set an example to the people in the shelter and gave them confidence. He showed great courage and devotion to duty.

Victor Jones, Firewatcher (Night Telephonist and Call Office Attendant), London Telecommunications Region, General Post Office.

During an air raid Mr. Jones was acting as a fire fighter when a shower of incendiary bombs fell on a Post Office building. Flames quickly spread to a petrol driven cement mixer. Mr. Jones saw that a number of cans of petrol and oil standing by the machine would quickly become involved and without hesitating to consider the danger to himself he dashed several times through the flames and removed the cans to a place of safety. Immediately afterwards the petrol container of the cement mixer exploded.

Mr. Jones' gallant action undoubtedly prevented a serious fire.

Ernest Sidney Leatham, Fire Watcher (Assistant Inspector, Outdoor Staff), Ministry of Health, Liverpool.

William Hunter, Police Constable, Liverpool Police Force.

During an air raid Mr. Leatham, with some colleagues, was in a basement shelter when

the building above was hit by H.E. bombs and set alight. Mr. Leatham managed to release himself and went for help. He directed the firemen so that the trapped men should not be drowned by the water from the hoses.

Constable Hunter dug a way through the debris and located one of the men pinned down by beams. Despite the limited space the Constable removed rubble, sawed through the timber and released the casualty.

While Hunter was working Mr. Leatham was burrowing through to the other victim but was unable, owing to heavy obstruction, to reach him unaided. Whilst waiting for help from the Rescue Party Leatham salvaged valuable papers from the offices and at intervals crawled down the tunnel to the trapped man to reassure him. He was eventually released after seven hours. Constable Hunter and Mr. Leatham worked in considerable danger both from the fire which was raging overhead and from falling masonry.

Harry Moore, Foreman, } A.R.P. Rescue
George Walker, Foreman, } Party, Hull.

During an air raid a building was wrecked and people were trapped. The arched cellars had collapsed under the debris load and further collapse was imminent. In order to reach the victims and whilst the raid was still in progress, Moore directed tunnelling operations into the basement, doing the dangerous work personally. Walker directed shoring operations from the top of the debris, working under walls which were liable to immediate collapse. The two foremen worked regardless of all danger and showed outstanding devotion to duty.

William Warwick Slade Cramp- } Volunteer
ton Neville, M.C. (Major, late } Ambulance
Grenadier Guards), Deputy } Service,
Director, Stretcher Parties, } Westminster
Luigi Papa, Stretcher Bearer, } Hospital.

During an air raid three fire watchers were trapped in a building which had been struck by a H.E. bomb. Neville with Stretcher Bearer Papa went to the building, climbed over burning debris and found the three men lying badly injured on a staircase. They returned twice to the building to supervise the removal of the casualties. Masonry was falling, the building was on fire, incendiary and high explosive bombs were being dropped throughout this period. Shortly after the completion of the rescue many tons of masonry fell on the spot from which the men had been removed.

Neville and Papa showed complete disregard of their personal safety and set a fine example to other members of the Stretcher Parties.

John Payne, Police Constable, Birmingham Police Force.

Robert Ellis Pritchard, Firewatcher, Birmingham.

During an air raid one house was completely demolished and another badly damaged.