

to the pavement by helpers on the foot-way. He then returned through the rising water, which by this time was up to his chest, and although hampered by floating debris, he rescued an elderly man. Finch again returned to search for further victims but without success. He showed great courage and powers of endurance and, with the help of Warden Mead, saved many lives.

Both men showed complete disregard of their own safety.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Edward George Jared, Assistant Officer in Charge, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Hendon.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Thomas Daniel Harding, } Member,	} A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hendon
Isaiah Tunley, Member, }	

During an air raid a house was completely demolished and a family of four were trapped under the collapsed first floor and brickwork. To reach the victims a shaft was made from the top of the debris and a tunnel, with a headroom of less than two feet, was cut under the floor.

The floor was continually moving under the heavy load of debris and one side was lashed to a cross-piece which was held by several members of the Rescue Service. The whole operation was extremely difficult and hazardous but Jared, helped by Harding and Tunley, worked for nearly seven hours and eventually released all the victims.

Jared displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and, with Harding and Tunley, showed great bravery and endurance.

Awarded the George Medal:—

Robert Albert Pullinger, } Station Officer,	} London Fire Service.
William Everley Grant }	
Dewdney, Sub-Officer, }	

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Thomas Robert Lancelot Black, Auxiliary Fireman, } William Albert Cooper, Temporary Fireman, }	} London Fire Service.
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A hospital received a direct hit from a high explosive bomb which caused the building to catch fire.

Cries for help were heard coming from a window on the second floor and a man was seen crouching on the window sill. With great difficulty, owing to the roadway being strewn with fallen masonry, the crew of a fire appliance at once pitched the escape. Auxiliary Fireman Black, although injured by blast from the explosion, mounted the escape and brought the man down.

Other persons were in the building and Station Officer Pullinger and Sub-Officer Dewdney ascended the escape taking a hose with them. While Pullinger attacked the fire, Dewdney rescued a man who was on a bed about five feet from the window.

Pullinger carried him down to the ground while Dewdney took over the hose.

By this time the floor of the room, two of the sides of which had been wholly or partly demolished by the explosion, was sloping at an acute angle. Two bed-ridden male patients were on the floor at the far side of the room and near to the edge of the exposed portion of the floor. Pullinger again ascended the escape, passed over Dewdney and entered the room. Although the floor appeared about to collapse, he made his way across to the two men, carried one to the window, re-crossed the room and brought out the other. One man was placed on Dewdney's back and carried down while Pullinger took over the hose.

Meanwhile Cooper climbed the escape with a lowering line and, while Pullinger and Dewdney lowered the last of the four patients to the ground, entered the room and continued to fight the fire. While the rescues were being made the fire was increasing and bombs were dropped nearby. The floor of the room collapsed shortly after the patients were rescued.

Pullinger showed outstanding qualities of leadership and both he and Dewdney displayed exceptional courage and a total disregard of their own safety in rescuing three patients who would otherwise have lost their lives.

Black's endurance and courage enabled him, in spite of his injury, to rescue the first patient from a precarious position.

The last rescue was achieved largely through the promptitude and foresight of Cooper in taking the line up to the room.

Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—

Harold Auty, Police Constable, " R " Division, Metropolitan Police.

Police Constable Auty has displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty at many air raid incidents, using his expert knowledge in the extrication of trapped persons.

On one occasion when several people were trapped as a result of enemy action, Auty, who was off duty, tunnelled twelve feet under the debris and rescued three persons. A heavy raid was in progress and at any moment he might have been buried by a further collapse of the wreckage. For over three hours he continued helping in rescue work and extinguishing fires.

Miss Winifred Muriel Caesar, } Ambulance Driver,	} A.R.P. Medical Service, Southampton.
Miss Maud Helen Tinsley, }	
Ambulance Driver, }	

Miss Caesar and Miss Tinsley have been on duty throughout air raids on Southampton.

They have both made numerous journeys during periods of intense bombardment and on several occasions have run great personal risk in order to carry out their allotted tasks.

At one incident in spite of continued activity by enemy aircraft they helped, by digging in debris, to release several trapped persons.