

Thomas Edward Davies, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bournemouth.

As a result of enemy action a house was demolished and a woman trapped in the wreckage.

Davies shored up the masses of broken concrete which could not be moved but had to be made secure before the casualty could be reached.

After four hours work the victim was freed with the exception of one ankle which was pinned under tons of debris. With much patience and skill Davies, at great risk to himself, continued in a most difficult and cramped position to work for a further two hours until the victim was released uninjured.

Philip Dixon, Police Sergeant, Manchester City Police.

James Taylor, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Manchester.

During an air raid a high explosive bomb exploded only 50 yards from Sergeant Dixon and Warden Taylor.

Although badly shaken, both men rushed to the scene of the incident, where they found that the bomb had demolished some houses. Together they searched for people who were trapped and performed this duty with such courage and skill that before the rescue squads arrived they had succeeded in releasing thirteen people.

The rescues were carried out whilst bombs continued to fall nearby but both men worked with complete disregard of their own safety.

Albert Edward Dodson,

Valveman,

James O'Rourke, Assistant

Valveman,

} Gas Light and
Coke Company.

During an air raid serious fires were caused at a Gas Works.

Dodson and O'Rourke were blown over by blast but on recovering hurried to where a fierce fire had broken out.

The heat and glare made it almost impossible to approach but, shielding their faces as best they could, the two men began to isolate the plant and in less than half an hour they had the more serious fires under control.

The prompt and courageous action of Dodson and O'Rourke prevented further explosions and saved much valuable plant.

These men, on other occasions during air raids, have shown determination and devotion to duty when combating dangerous fires in the Gas Works.

Frank Albert Eastes, Fire Watcher (Stoker), Electricity Department, Hastings County Borough Council.

An incendiary bomb dropped on a fire-watcher, rendered him unconscious and set fire to the bed on which he was resting. Mr. Eastes immediately caught hold of the bomb with his bare hands and threw it on the floor. He then carried the man outside and handed him over for first-aid treatment. Although Eastes suffered from burns he returned to extinguish the bomb. He then climbed to the roof and dealt with more incendiary bombs.

Eastes prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life and prevented damage to valuable property.

Albert Edward Evans, Inspector, Hull Police Force.

During an air raid a shelter suffered a direct hit. Several people were trapped under the broken concrete roof which weighed two or three tons and was resting on the demolished walls.

Rescue work was carried out under the direction of Inspector Evans and it was due to his courageous leadership that many lives were saved.

Frederick George Hawkes, Police Constable, Peterborough Police Service.

A bomb wrecked a building and three persons were buried beneath the debris.

Hawkes crept through a narrow opening under the wreckage and, after sawing through wooden joists, was able to release the victims.

During this time there was danger of further collapse of the building but Hawkes continued his work with complete disregard of his own safety.

Peter Bernard Hellings, Firefighter (Clerk), Great Western Railway, Swansea.

During an air raid Hellings worked hard extinguishing incendiary bombs and his knowledge of railway premises proved invaluable to A.F.S. personnel.

When cottages were hit by a H.E. bomb he helped to marshal the occupants to shelters and by his calmness allayed their fears.

He afterwards went to a large fire and rendered all possible assistance on the pumps and hoses. Hellings' conduct throughout the raid was outstanding and he was on continuous duty for eighteen hours.

Ronald Heys, Messenger, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

During the height of an air raid Heys carried many messages and obtained information of vital importance to the Fire Services.

In the course of his various journeys five bicycles were damaged by blast and falling debris whilst in use by him. On one occasion he was blown from his machine and rendered unconscious for a time but, on recovering, completed his journey and delivered his message.

Messenger Heys showed great devotion to duty and gave splendid service.

William Irwin, Foreman, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Hull.

During an air raid a Works was damaged and a fire spread rapidly along the whole length of the building. Part of the roof collapsed and red hot steelwork lay around.

Foreman Irwin found a man trapped and unconscious. The heat was so intense and the fire so close that the clothes of the trapped persons caught fire and the members of the Rescue Party suffered from burns through handling hot debris. After strenuous efforts, this man and two others were rescued.

Irwin showed outstanding determination and courage and it was due to his inspiring leadership that three lives were saved.