

Charles Johnson, Valve Locator,
 Thomas Benjamin Stapleton, Valve Locator Driver,
 Albert Arthur Tomlinson, Valve Locator, Acting Assistant Foreman,

} Gas Light and Coke Company.

Johnson, Stapleton and Tomlinson have shown courage and determination in carrying out their duties during the height of air raids. Their work as valve locators is particularly hazardous and is invariably carried out in difficult conditions.

On occasions the men have been injured by bombs or burnt by gas but they have always completed the vital tasks assigned to them. Not one of the men has ever considered his own safety and their team work and devotion to duty has been outstanding.

Fred Payne, Mechanic in Charge, Grade II, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

On two occasions, when a Post Office garage was threatened by fire and unexploded time bombs, Mr. Payne displayed initiative and courage in circumstances of great danger. He has carried out his difficult tasks with determination and resource, and has been responsible for the salvage of valuable property.

Harry Basil Wetjen, Leader, A.R.P. Stretcher Party, Croydon.

During an air raid a house was badly damaged and was liable to collapse at any moment.

Wetjen climbed through an aperture and, with assistance, removed a casualty. He returned to release a man who was trapped by beams and debris.

There was a strong leakage of coal gas in the wreckage but, regardless of the danger, Wetjen worked until he succeeded in getting the injured man on to a stretcher. Whilst he and a member of the Rescue Party were passing the victim to safety the Rescue man collapsed and was supported by Wetjen until help came.

Mr. Wetjen carried out his duties with great bravery.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been brought to notice for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

Allan Albert Morgan Ashcroft, Cadet, Liverpool Civil Defence Cadets.

Robert Egarr Ashcroft, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

John Ashe, Leading Fireman, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

Cyril Ashworth, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

Montague Austin Bratley, Police Constable, Peterborough Police Service.

Albert William Bull, Messenger, A.R.P. Medical Service, Southampton.

Joseph Patrick Carahar, Section Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

John Chadwick, Technical Assistant, Salford Corporation Gas Undertaking.

Ernest Walter Collins, Valve Locator, Assistant Foreman, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Edgar Allen Colmar, Patrol Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

Albert Cook, War Reserve Constable, Manchester Police Force.

Stanley Lawrence Craven, Section Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

Edward Davies, Section Officer, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

John Charles Dickinson, Police Constable, Hull Police Force.

Richard Doughty, Senior A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool.

Michael Joseph Enright, Fireman, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

William Herbert French, Police Constable, Royal Marine Police Special Reserve.

Francis Gardiner, Deputy Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bournemouth.

Lawrence Giblin, Deputy Depot Leader, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Hull.

Alfred John Gould, Valve Locator, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Harry Grimshaw, Valve Locator Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Lewis Alexander Hales, War Reserve Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

Frederick George Hartgroves, Engine Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Stanley Vivian Hilton, Messenger, Bootle Auxiliary Fire Service.

John Hollins, Lorry Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Frederick Ernest Hood, Valve Locator Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Phillip Lamb, Fire Watcher (Temporary Cansasser and Collector), Salford Corporation Gas Department.

George McCracken, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., Medical Practitioner, Manchester.

Thomas Maguire, Fireman, Liverpool Auxiliary Fire Service.

Leonard William Maidment, Skilled Member, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Bournemouth.

Stanley Mainprize, Omnibus Conductor, Hull.

David Chase Pallett, Schoolboy, Plymouth.

John Robert Patterson, Temporary Fireman, London Fire Service.

Herbert Ernest Pilgrim, War Reserve Constable, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.

William Potter, Acting Station Officer, London Fire Service.

Leslie Albert Richardson, Police Constable, Peterborough Police Service.

Frederick Roach, Messenger, A.R.P. Medical Service, Southampton.

Charles Henry Ryder, Fire Watcher, Liverpool.

John Francis Smerdon, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

James Henry Smith, Gas Fitter, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Joseph Geoffrey Thirlwall, Motor Mechanic, Engineering Department, Post Office, Liverpool.

Paul Anthony Thomas, Cadet, Liverpool Civil Defence Cadets.

William Tibke, A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool. (Now Private No. 10553639, R.A.O.C.)

George Turner, Valve Locator Driver, Gas Light and Coke Company.

Charles Warren, Meter Repairer, Salford Corporation Gas Department.

George Williams, Police Sergeant, "K" Division, Metropolitan Police.