

Ronald Noble, Junior Station Inspector, " X " Division, Metropolitan Police.

A high explosive bomb caused extensive damage to property and people were trapped in the wreckage. Inspector Noble, who was off duty, was blown over by blast but quickly recovered and went to the scene. On the first floor of a partially demolished block of flats he found a woman in a hysterical condition. He climbed a wall, hooked his legs round a beam and, by hanging upside down, managed to lower her to the ground.

The Inspector then heard shouts for help coming from another house. Without hesitation he began to make a hole in the rubble with his hands and after fifteen minutes unearthed an unconscious woman whom he pulled to safety. Whilst working he had to prop up the wreckage with his shoulders and bricks were continually falling round him. Shortly after he came out the whole of the wreckage collapsed.

Inspector Noble acted with great bravery, entirely disregarding his own safety.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Harry Gelder Cardwell, Lighterman, Hull.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

James Alfred Hodgson, Messenger, Hull Auxiliary Fire Service.

During an air raid houses were demolished by H.E. bombs and a girl was trapped under the wreckage of her home which was on fire.

Cardwell, at great personal risk, tunneled through the debris, reached the girl and remained with her for several hours, comforting her. Owing to the cramped nature of the aperture he was unable to get into such a position as would enable him to give her a drink. He came out and Hodgson succeeded in worming his way through the small aperture made by Cardwell and so supplied the trapped girl with water. He returned to the surface, and, before Cardwell could re-enter the hole, the wall caved in.

Cardwell worked continuously for twelve hours and both he and Hodgson were in constant danger from falling debris.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

Robert Wilson Wyse, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., Resident Surgical Officer, Salford Royal Hospital.

David Marshall Barlow, Staff Officer, A.R.P. Casualty Service, Salford.

George Aspin, Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Party, Salford.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

Alexander Edwards, Group Leader, A.R.P. Rescue Service, Salford.

A high explosive bomb demolished the Nurses' quarters of the Salford Royal Hospital and several nurses were trapped under tons of masonry. Dr. Wyse led the rescue operations and, at great personal risk, reached the basement which was in complete darkness and ankle deep in water. Despite the danger from damaged electric cables and

escaping gas he removed rubble and bricks and was successful in extricating three nurses who, but for his gallant efforts, would have lost their lives.

Another nurse was located by Staff Officer Barlow who, in an attempt to release her, crawled under tons of debris. For hours he lay under the wreckage encouraging the nurse and moving masonry stone by stone. He was joined by Leader Aspin and, although there was danger of the collapse of about thirty tons of debris, the two men worked on without the slightest concern for their own safety.

When it became clear that the nurse's arm was so badly trapped that further attempts to release it would prove fatal to the victim and rescuers, Dr. Wyse amputated the limb and the nurse was got out.

Another nurse was trapped close by and Barlow continued tunnelling, encouraging her and doing everything possible to release her but without success.

Mr. Edwards then made a desperate effort. Lying flat under the debris he removed part of a broken chair which was impeding the removal of the casualty. It was a tremendous risk to himself as the whole weight of the wreckage might have collapsed on him. The nurse was then gradually manoeuvred clear of the debris and brought out.

*Awarded the British Empire Medal (Civil Division):—*

James Black, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

John Bryce, A.R.P. Warden, Liverpool.

During an air raid, houses and two surface shelters were demolished by enemy action.

Warden Bryce and Sergeant Black worked untiringly and rescued sixteen people who were trapped under the shelters.

They then began to tunnel in the remains of a wrecked house. For six hours they worked in conditions of grave danger and were eventually successful in rescuing two people.

Both men showed great courage and complete disregard of their own safety.

Geoffrey Thomas Cory, Police Constable, Great Yarmouth Police Force.

During an air raid houses were demolished by bombs and two women were trapped under the wreckage.

Constable Cory, with help, tunneled ten feet into the debris and, after two hours' work in a confined space, succeeded in rescuing one of the women. He continued to work for a further two hours and released the other victim. She was injured and could not be taken through the tunnel so Cory stayed by her whilst a shaft was made from the top of the debris.

During the whole of this period there was danger of the debris collapsing and burying him, but he worked regardless of his own safety.

Robert Crowley, War Reserve Constable,  
Trevor Gwilym Hender-  
son James, Police Con-  
stable, } Cardiff Police Force.

Bombs caused damage to property, and a woman was pinned by her legs in the