

Jones, although suffering from the effects of shock, pulled piles of burning debris from the spot where he knew a man to be entombed. He remained on duty continuously for thirty-six hours.

Both men showed great courage and determination.

Bernard Kyte, War Reserve Constable, Manchester City Police Force.

Incendiary bombs fell on a Gas Works, damaged two of the gas holders and caused the escaping gas to ignite. Constable Kyte climbed to the top of the gas holders in turn, each a height of 45 to 50 feet from the ground and, with assistance, succeeded in stopping the escape of gas. During this time enemy planes were overhead and bombs were exploding nearby but Kyte continued to work until the flames were extinguished.

He showed courage and determination in dangerous circumstances.

Henry Lamb, Firewatcher (Temporary Clerk), Ministry of Labour Employment Exchange, Hull.

Mr. Lamb was on fire watching duty, when a neighbouring building was burnt out and a hall, used for the Women's Department of the Employment Exchange, caught fire. He helped the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel to operate a hose on the interior of the hall and at personal risk subsequently entered the premises and extinguished the fire. His action saved the Exchange building from destruction.

Vernon Harold Sellwood, Messenger, Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service (now National Fire Service).

During an air raid Messenger Sellwood, who is only sixteen years of age, undertook the full duties and risks of a fireman and for a period of over four hours stood unflinchingly at his post in the face of severe bombing which killed several of the Auxiliary Fire Service personnel.

Sellwood showed courage and devotion to duty.

John Henry Slater, Officer in Charge,	} Works Fire Fighting Service, Kingston-upon-Hull.
James Snitch, Member,	

Bombs which were dropped on a Works, caused fires and severed the water mains.

In order to make use of an emergency supply it was necessary to open a valve which was under a part of the building which had collapsed and was burning fiercely.

Mr. Snitch attempted to reach the valve but was compelled to withdraw owing to dense smoke and falling debris. Mr. Slater then joined him and, after clearing away a quantity of rubble, they succeeded in reaching and opening the valve, thus providing a plentiful supply of water for fire-fighting purposes.

COMMENDATIONS.

Those named below have been commended for brave conduct in Civil Defence:—

James Besford, War Reserve Constable, Bootle Police Force.

Charles Frederick Blackburn, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

John Carson, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

Stanley Percival Jones, Special Constable, Bootle Special Constabulary.

David Charles Lewis, War Reserve Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Thomas Joseph McCarthy, G.M., Police Constable, Bootle Police Force.

Robert Henry Metcalfe, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Norman Morrissey, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Thomas Roughley, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

Douglas Gordon Sandford, Messenger, Exeter Auxiliary Fire Service (now National Fire Service).

Laurence William Saville, Fireman Driver, Edmonton Fire Brigade (now National Fire Service).

Charles Mander Stanton, Works Civil Defence Control Officer, Kingston-upon-Hull.

Henry Charles Trissler, Technical Assistant, London Passenger Transport Board.

Alfred Watson, Police Sergeant, Liverpool City Police Force.

William Arthur Young, Police Constable, Liverpool City Police Force.

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