

Walter George Searle, Fire-watcher, Post Office Telephone Manager's Office, Plymouth. (now Executive Officer, War Damage Commission.)

During the early part of an air raid, Mr. Searle, at great personal risk, dealt effectively with a number of incendiaries and an outbreak of fire was effectively prevented.

Heavy bombing followed and Searle worked throughout the night showing great courage and devotion to duty in dealing with the many dangerous situations which arose.

Later, the building was demolished by a direct hit, and Mr. Searle was buried for seven hours, two of his fellow fire-watchers being killed.

Frederick Albert Willcocks, Skilled Workman, Class I, Post Office Telephone Manager's Office, Plymouth.

During air raids on Plymouth Mr. Willcocks, who is responsible for maintaining an important exchange, did excellent work, particularly during one of the raids when the public power supply failed. Through the whole period his devotion to duty and complete disregard of danger so inspired his colleagues that there was no interruption of the vital services afforded by this exchange.

Albert Edmund Wright, Passed Fireman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

High explosive bombs completely demolished office buildings at a Goods Yard, four members of the staff being killed and seven injured. A rescue squad, led by Fireman Wright, immediately got to work and found a man injured and trapped under the wreckage, his head being wedged between heavy beams of the roof which had collapsed. There was a great danger of further injury to the man and Wright crawled under the debris to protect him. He remained attending to the casualty for three hours before it was possible for the rescue squad to effect a release. During the time the rescue work was in progress there was very heavy enemy air activity and fire broke out in the wreckage.

Fireman Wright exhibited great coolness in face of the danger of being trapped or injured.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Charles Andrews, Stableman, London and North Eastern Railway.

Harry William Ballard, Goods Guard, Southern Railway.

Robert Barnes, Signalman, London and North Eastern Railway.

Robert Bate, Driver, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

William Leslie Bennett, Goods Checker, Great Western Railway.

Sidney Boswell, Signalman, Southern Railway.

Miss Hilda May Bray (deceased), Fire Watcher (Clerical Officer), Post Office Telephone Manager's Office, Plymouth.

Miss Meta Cornish Chadwick, Caretaker-Operator's Assistant, Post Office Telephone Exchange, Torpoint.

Miss Olive Gwendoline Chadwick, Telephonist, Post Office Telephone Exchange, Torpoint.

Benjamin Codd, Porter, Southern Railway.

Thomas Evan Colley, Goods Guard, London and North Eastern Railway.

Harry Charles Constable, Ganger, Southern Railway.

Alexander Coombe, Skilled Workman, Class II, Post Office Telephone Manager's Office, Plymouth.

Robert Owen Evans, Shunter, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Thomas Farey, D.C.M., Police Sergeant, London and North Eastern Railway.

William Frederick Fowler, Fireman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Miss Winifred Gent (deceased), Fire Watcher (Clerical Officer), Post Office Telephone Manager's Office, Plymouth.

Joseph Gorbart, Horse Keeper, London and North Eastern Railway.

John Guinan, Goods Guard, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

John Norman Jackson, Supernumerary Porter (Goods), Great Western Railway.

Bessie, Mrs. Kelly, Porter, Grade I, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Captain John Joseph Lambert, Dredging Superintendent, London and North Eastern Railway.

George Law, Signalman, Southern Railway.

Robert Frederick Lawrence, Dredger Deck-hand, London and North Eastern Railway.

Allen Leadbeater, Assistant District Controller, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

William John Love, Motorman, Southern Railway.

George McDonnell, Lad Porter, London and North Eastern Railway.

Joseph Phepoe, Checker, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Alexander Ritchie, Driver, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Ernest Stephen Roberts, Temporary Door-keeper, Post Office Telephone Exchange, Plymouth.

James Harold Rubie, Signalman, Southern Railway.

Alfred Robert Simmons, Fireman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

George Edward Spendlow, Firewatcher, Louth.

Peter William Stringer, Signalman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Charles Frederick Sturgeon, Yard Shunter, Southern Railway.

John Henry Taylor, Dock Gateman, Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

Lawrence Walker, Shunter, Class III, London and North Eastern Railway.

William Warcup, Tug Master, London and North Eastern Railway.

Percy Ladas Watson, Yard Foreman, Class I, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Horace Wigfield, Supernumerary Porter (Goods), Great Western Railway.

George Wilkinson, Fireman, London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Thomas Wright, Police Constable, London and North Eastern Railway.