

with an incendiary bomb and also stopped a gas leakage at a house. During the daytime he rendered valuable assistance to Wardens and Rescue Parties.

Grix displayed courage and determination of a very high order.

William Malcolm Hall, Leading Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Leonard Hilary Walton Turner, Leader, First Aid Party, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Exeter.

A large building was hit by a bomb and demolished and five men were buried in the debris. Fires broke out and there was imminent danger of the collapse of a high wall which separated the building from office premises.

The Fire Brigade and a First Aid Party arrived and Hall and Turner commenced rescue operations. A hose was used as a cover for the two men who worked amongst burning debris, in heat and smoke which were almost unbearable, for nearly an hour. The work was carried out within six feet of the base of the tottering wall and it was due to the tenacity and courage of Hall and Turner that one man was rescued alive.

Franklyn William Horsley, Fireguard Staff Officer, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Norwich.

During enemy air raids Mr. Horsley has displayed conspicuous courage, organising ability and powers of leadership in tackling incendiary bomb fires, some of considerable magnitude.

On one occasion he entered a block of flats in which fires were burning. Bombs were falling all around, windows were being blown in and soot was coming down the chimneys. He tackled the fire from inside the building but, not making much headway, he went up through the rafters on to the roof and continued to fight the fire from there. Machine-gunning was taking place and the roof was burning furiously. The fire was eventually extinguished and Mr. Horsley then went on to deal with other fires.

He was on the roof space of some small houses tackling a number of fires when the roof fell in.

Horsley has shown devotion to duty without regard for his own safety.

John McCormack, Police Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Incendiary bombs started a number of fires in an area adjoining factories and workshops. Constable McCormack had already extinguished a great many incendiaries, when he discovered a fire in an electrical works. He took a jet through a house and reached the rear of the burning premises which were then a mass of flames. He climbed a shaky ladder placed against an old wooden building, and from there played on the fire and prevented it from spreading to adjoining factories. His position at all times was hazardous, as there was a likelihood of the outer walls of the burning four-storey building falling on him.

The work of Constable McCormack undoubtedly prevented the fire spreading and on this and other occasions during

enemy air raids he has shown courage and devotion to duty.

Josephine Mary, Mrs. Woolmer, Ambulance Driver, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Bath.

An Ambulance Depot received a direct hit from a bomb and the telephone operator was injured. The telephone room was almost in ruins, but it was found that communications could be maintained. An unexploded time-bomb was lying in a corner near the telephone but, despite this, Mrs. Woolmer volunteered to attend to the switchboard as telephone operator, which she did for a period of about half an hour. During this time messages were received and ambulances and First Aid Parties despatched to incidents.

When the telephone finally became useless, Mrs. Woolmer left the Depot intending to re-establish telephonic communication with Control. When this failed she continued to act throughout the raid as an ambulance driver.

COMMENDATIONS.

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

Stanley Leonard Bailey, Special Constable, Bath Special Constabulary.

Miss Constance Binks, lately Officer, H.M. Prison, Manchester.

Albert Edward Bullingham, Engine and Pump Attendant, Felixstowe and District Water Company.

Thomas William Byland, Temporary Sergeant, Norwich City Police.

Richard Collier, Foreman of Works, H.M. Prison, Manchester.

Arthur Cross, Leader, Rescue Party, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Isle of Wight.

Lionel John Gould, Leading Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Albert Hill, War Reserve Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Thomas William Knights, Engine and Pump Attendant, Felixstowe and District Water Company.

Peter Lomax, Cyclist Messenger, Civil Defence Messenger Service, Norwich.

George Henry Lynham, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Bath.

Alfred William Matthews, Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.

Ronald Charles Phillips, Messenger, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Birmingham.

William Rawlings, Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Bath.

James Henry Reynolds, Messenger, Police Auxiliary Messenger Service, Exeter.

John Shute, Storekeeper, Exeter.

Arnold Stockdale, Police Constable, Norwich City Police.

Norman Whalley, Probationary Constable, Birmingham City Police.

Marjorie Joyce, Mrs. Whimster, Centre Organiser, Women's Voluntary Services, Bath.

Irene Rachel, Mrs. Williams, Staff Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Birmingham.

Fred Walter Wilson, Leading Fireman (Exeter), No. 19 Fire Force Area, National Fire Service.