

the names of the persons specially shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for their brave conduct in Civil Defence.

*To be Additional Members of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire:—*

Miss Elsie Boyton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer in Charge, Light Mobile Unit, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Battersea.

Dr. Boyton has devoted much of her time and energies to the training of her staff and her personal interest has had a marked effect upon their efficiency during operations. She has never failed to be present at incidents when the unit has been in action and her services have been at all times invaluable.

On one occasion persons were trapped on the fifth floor of a building hit by a flying bomb. The staircases were demolished and the only means of entrance was by the use of the N.F.S. turn-table ladder. Owing to the nature of the building this ladder could only be used at a maximum angle suspended away from the building. It was possible for only one person to mount at a time and to enter the building it was necessary to climb over the side of the turn-table through a broken and dangerous window frame. Dr. Boyton insisted on being allowed to climb to the top of the building to render aid to a trapped casualty, with whom she remained until he could be removed. This feat is typical of the admirable work she has repeatedly carried out at the many incidents at which she has been present.

Dr. Boyton's devotion to duty has always been a great stimulus to all who have worked with her.

Sidney Burslem, Deputy Chief Warden, Civil Defence Wardens Service, Deptford.

Mr. Burslem, in addition to being Deputy Chief Warden, is also Chief Incident Officer and has acted as such at every flying bomb incident in his borough.

He is courageous in the face of danger, determined and resolute in difficult situations and, with tenacity of purpose, has carried out his work in an exemplary manner. His methods and devotion to duty have inspired the Civil Defence workers.

Frederick Alfred Phillipps, M.D., B.Ch., Medical Officer in Charge, Mobile Unit, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Chelsea.

During an air raid a H.E. bomb demolished a building and people were trapped in the wreckage which caught fire.

For ten hours Dr. Phillipps supervised the rescue of many casualties and rendered the necessary surgical treatment. He performed a surgical operation on a trapped casualty under conditions of considerable difficulty and great danger before rescue was possible. Dr. Phillipps showed exceptional qualities of leadership and initiative.

Horatio Franklin Sparling, L.M.S.S.A., Medical Officer, Shelter Medical Aid Post, Civil Defence Casualty Service, East Croydon.

Dr. Sparling has given great assistance to the Rescue Services in their efforts to rescue trapped and buried victims of flying bombs.

On many occasions, at great personal risk, he has crawled under the ruins of houses to attend to victims.

At one incident he was held by his heels suspended over the edge of a cavity until he had completed treatment of the trapped person.

Dr. Sparling has shown courage and devotion to duty without thought for his own safety.

*Awarded the George Medal:—*

John Beeston, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Civil Defence Casualty Service, Willesden.

A flying bomb demolished houses and people were trapped in the wreckage. A tunnel was driven into the debris, the weight of which was gradually forcing out the remains of a party wall.

Dr. Beeston was able to get to a woman who was trapped in debris through which ran several large timbers supported by the arms of a chair. He decided that a blood transfusion was necessary and immediately commenced to effect the operation, instructing the rescuers to continue freeing the casualty as gently as possible. An escape of coal gas was affecting everybody working in the tunnel and the rescuers were relieved from time to time but Dr. Beeston continued for 90 minutes with the casualty although a fall of debris took place just as the plasma bottles were being changed. As the casualty's condition continued to improve from the onset of the transfusion, rescue work was speeded up. With Dr. Beeston's assistance she was eventually extricated and brought through the tunnel on a stretcher with the plasma tube still in position.

Dr. Beeston showed courage without regard for the dangerous load above and the presence of coal gas. His skill, applied as it was on the spot, undoubtedly saved the life of the woman.

Frederick Thomas William Rogers, Staff Officer, Civil Defence Rescue Service, Willesden.

A flying bomb demolished houses and the wreckage of one caught fire. While the N.F.S. endeavoured to extinguish the flames, Mr. Rogers entered a small opening in the wrecked basement of the house. For half an hour during which time the premises were fiercely blazing, he worked and successfully freed two women from the debris.

Owing to the action of the fire in eating away the wrecked timber there was always present a grave danger of the collapse of the burning mass. Rogers, as an experienced rescue officer, was fully aware of the great risk he was incurring, but he nevertheless went on until the rescue was effected.

Rogers showed great courage with complete disregard of his own safety and, by his gallant action, saved the lives of two persons.

Alan Taylor, Party Leader, London County Council Heavy Rescue Service.

A flying bomb caused extensive damage to a hospital and the roof caught fire. Two patients were trapped in a private ward on the second floor. One was released without much difficulty but the other, whose bed had collapsed, was trapped under a mass of wreckage, the top of which had caught fire. Taylor asked the N.F.S. to check the fire as much as possible and proceeded to work his way into the debris, cutting away and re-