

WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES ROLL OF HONOUR 1939-1945

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE
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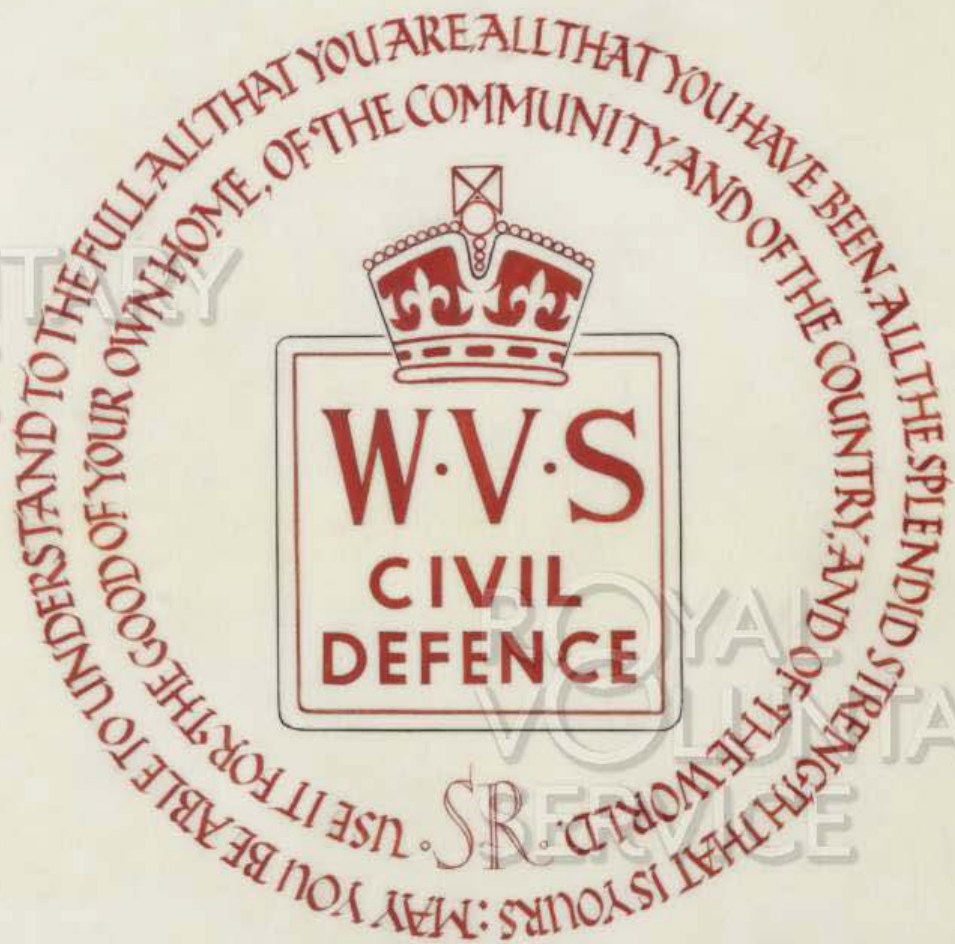
The entry on page 15 of this document for Lillian Filsell has an incorrect Christian name: Her correct full name was **Letitia Irene Filsell**

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THE ROLL
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SERVICES
FOR CIVIL DEFENCE

ROYAL

'They have fought under the direct fire of the enemy, suffered and died under bombing attack, and their steadfast fitness has not failed.' Mr Herbert Morrison, in the Council Chamber of the County Hall, Westminster, on the 7th December, 1944

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We know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Saint Paul

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THE PATTERN OF THE WOMEN'S
VOLUNTARY SERVICES
DURING THE YEARS 1939 - 1945



For the purposes of Civil Defence England Scotland and Wales were divided into twelve Regions

These twelve Regions are shewn in the map above. Twelve W.V.S. Regional Administrators at a level with the twelve Regional Commissioners

organised the work of the Women's Voluntary Services. Northern Ireland worked in close touch throughout





Belfast



Edinburgh



WVS Headquarters



Westminster



Cardiff



Newcastle upon Tyne

N. IRELAND

Antrim
Kerragh
Down
Fermanagh
Londonderry
Tyrone



REGION 5

REGION 1

The Counties of
Northumberland
Durham and
the North
Riding of
Yorkshire

THESE MEMBERS OF
THE WOMEN'S
VOLUNTARY SERVICES
WHOSE NAMES ARE
WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK
AND OTHERS OF WHOM
THERE IS NO RECORD,
GAVE THEIR LIVES
IN THE SERVICE OF
THEIR COUNTRY
DURING THE SECOND
WORLD WAR



Nottingham

REGION 3

Derbyshire
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire
Northamptonshire
Nottinghamshire
Rutland and
Soke of
Peterborough



Manchester

REGION 10

The Counties of
Cumberland
Westmorland
Lancashire
and
Cheshire



Leeds

REGION 2

The East
Riding of
Yorkshire
and the West
Riding of
Yorkshire



Cambridge

REGION 4

Cambridgeshire
Norfolk Essex
Suffolk
Bedfordshire
Hertfordshire
Huntingdonshire
Isle
of
Flux



REGION 7
Gloucestershire
Wiltshire
Devonshire
Somerset
Cornwall

Bristol

REGION 6
Berkshire
Oxfordshire
Buckingham
Hampshire &
the Isle of Wight



Reading

REGION 5
1010-1045
S also
the
County
of
Dorset



REGION 5

REGION 12
The County of
Sussex with
part of Kent
and part of
Surrey

Tunbridge Wells

REGION 9
Staffordshire
Shropshire
Warwickshire
Worcestershire
Herefordshire

Birmingham



The Metropolitan Boroughs of London, Middlesex, Metropolitan Kent, Surrey and Essex, and part of Hertfordshire

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THE
GLORY OF
BRITAIN

has not been won or held by leaders:

it has been achieved & maintained
by the mass of right minded and
ordinary individuals who have
acted up to their belief that the
rights of others and fair play for
all should come before their own
wishes.

This country believes in great
intangible things: it holds its
faith in that which is right, it
admires that which is good, it
loves that which is just.

*Taken from a letter written in 1947 by
The Dowager Marchioness of Reading G.B.E., C. St.J., D. Litt.,
Chairman of W.V.S.*

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SERVICE

COUNTY DURHAM

Region 1

Blaydon

2nd September 1941

Thelma Dodgson

Helper in General W.V.S. Activities
Report Centre Worker

Killed in her own home

New Seaham

Part of Seaham Urban District
23rd October 1941

Margaret Lorraine

Rest Centre Worker
Knitter

Landlady of the Colliery Inn
Public House, she was killed
by a direct hit by H.E., having
seen her invalid husband and
all the customers to safety.

NORTHUMBERLAND

Region 1

Newcastle-upon
Tyne

1st May 1942

Mary Parmley

Helper at the Central Station Canteen
Knitter

They were walking home together
to Benton in an air raid - a dis-
tance of about three miles from
the Canteen. They took refuge
in an Anderson shelter which
received a direct hit. Both were
killed, but their husbands who
were on duty in the streets were
unhurt.

Newcastle-upon
Tyne

1st May 1942

Gertrude Walker

Helper at the Central Station Canteen

Whitley Bay

10th April 1941

Doris Ewbank

Ambulance Driver

Killed on duty while driving
her ambulance.

Region 1

South Bank
Part of Eston Urban District
(Eston)

12th March 1945

Maud Mary Wilson While sheltering in the passage entrance to the Police Station, which was her home, she was killed by blast.

Region 2

Barnsley

11th September 1940

Agnes Mary Hawcroft Killed in London by a direct hit from an H.E. on the building in which she was at the time.
Ambulance Driver

Central
Holderness

1st September 1941

Minnie Hodgson She was a member of the Local District Council.
Rest Centre Worker : Helper at the Clinic
& Member of the War Savings Committee. She was killed in a shelter by blast from an H.E.

Kingston-upon
Hull

8th May 1941

Jane Isabella Borrill Killed by blast from an H.E., while taking cover in a public shelter.
Reception Centre Worker

Kingston-upon
Hull

31st March 1941

Lucy Braithwaite Killed by an H.E. which scored a direct hit on her brick shelter.
Mobile Canteen Officer

Kingston-upon
Hull

8th May 1941

Mabel Isabel Deltour She was killed by an H.E. which hit a public shelter in which she was taking cover.
Reception Centre Worker

Kingston-upon-Hull **Gertrude Annie Hunter** Killed in a public shelter
 Supervisor of a Reception Centre by a direct hit from an H.E.
 31st August 1941

Kingston-upon-Hull **Florence Ethel Kennington** Killed by blast
 Reception Centre Helper from an H.E. and by falling
 Canteen Worker debris in her own home.
 31st August 1941

Kingston-upon-Hull **Doris Levesley** Killed in an Anderson shelter
 Reception Centre Helper by blast from an H.E.
 24th June 1945

Kingston-upon-Hull **Lilian Masters** Killed by falling debris
 Reception Centre Helper

Kingston-upon-Hull **Doris Newell** Injured by blast from an H.E. in
 Reception Centre Helper her own Anderson shelter, on 9th
 12th May 1941. May, she died three days later
 in Seacroft Emergency Hospital

Kingston-upon-Hull **Lilian Omer** She was killed by blast from
 Deputy Supervisor of a Reception Centre a parachute mine while she
 5th May 1941 was outside a street shelter.

Region 2

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YORKSHIRE
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Kingston-upon-Hull
8th May 1941
Louisa Puckering
Reception Centre Helper
Killed outside a street shelter by blast from a Parachute Mine.

Kingston-upon-Hull
25th June 1943
Mary Richardson
Reception Centre and Canteen Worker
Injured in an Anderson shelter by falling debris, she died the following day in Sutton Base Hospital.

Kingston-upon-Hull
14th July 1943
Edith Annie Robinson
Canteen Helper
Killed in her Anderson shelter by falling debris. correction: She was at home, in the house, not in a shelter.

Kingston-upon-Hull
13th March 1941
Eva Senior
Reception Centre Helper
Killed by falling debris in her Anderson shelter.

Pocklington
8th November 1940
Joan Lesley Young
Rest Centre Supervisor
Lecturer for A.R.P., Red Cross Worker
She was killed at home when part of the house was destroyed by an H.E. She was one of the first to join W.V.S. in Pocklington.

Sheffield
13th December 1940
Kathleen Pinder
Housewives Service
Killed while on her Housewives duty, by H.E. on the house next door.

LEICESTERSHIRE

Region 111

Leicester

20th November 1940

Janet Wates

Canteen Worker

She had been over to Coventry with other Canteen Workers helping after their first blitz. She returned home to sleep and was killed when her house was destroyed by an H.E.

LINCOLNSHIRE

Region 3

Skegness

27th July 1942

Gertrude Chadwick

Knitter

Hospital Supplies Worker

She was at home making a cup of tea for her invalid husband, when the house received a direct hit. She was killed, but her husband was found under the debris, still in bed and uninjured.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Region 3

West Bridgford

8th May 1941

Lilian Filsell

Housewives Service

Killed when her house received a direct hit by H.E.

West Bridgford

8th May 1941

Doris Relph

Communal Feeding Centre

She was killed at home by the first H.E. to fall on West Bridgford.

Region 4

ROYAL
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Cambridge

24th February 1941

Lucy Gent

Canteen Worker

Auxiliary Nurse

C. D. Warden

Both were killed when they were on duty together at their Wardens Post.

Cambridge

24th February 1941

Petica Coursolles Robertson

County Borough Office Staff

C. D. Warden

A High Explosive Bomb scored a direct hit on the Post.

Region 4

ESSEX

Rayleigh

1st October 1944

Margaret Milly Hollinghurst

General Worker

Civil Defence

Killed while on her Civil Defence duties.

Thurrock

9th April 1941

Winifred Alliker

Leader of a Sewing Party

She remained sewing instead of taking shelter, as the work in hand was urgently needed in Hospital. Her whole family were killed at the same time.

Westcliffe-on-Sea

Part of the County Borough of Southend

10th February 1945

Lily May Sapey

Clothing Officer

Killed by enemy action when on her way to duty at the Clothing Depot.

Hertfordshire. Miriam Honora Ollman was killed by V2 (Rocket) on night duty at Newington Green School Rest Centre, Stoke Newington, London, on November 16th 1944. She was a member of the W. V. S. Centre, Welwyn Garden City.

NORFOLK

Region 4

Gorleston-on-Sea
Part of the County Borough of Great Yarmouth
9th April 1941

Florence Cockle
Rest Centre Worker
Working Party Member

Killed by H.E. when at home.

Gorleston-on-Sea
Part of the County Borough of Great Yarmouth
9th April 1941

Florence Hannent
Rest Centre Worker
Working Party Member

Killed at home by direct hit by H.E.

Gorleston-on-Sea
Part of the County Borough of Great Yarmouth
9th May 1941

Emma Noye
Rest Centre Worker
Working Party Member

Killed at home by H.E.

Gorleston-on-Sea
Part of the County Borough of Great Yarmouth
9th May 1941

May Noye
Rest Centre Worker
Working Party Member

Daughter-in-law of Mrs Emma Noye, she was killed in the same incident.

Kings Lynn
12th June 1942

Eva May Adams
Canteen Worker

On her way home from duty she called at the 'Eagle Hotel' for her husband. The 'Eagle' received a direct hit and they both were killed.

Region 4

ROYAL
SUFFOLK
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Bungay

31st October 1942

Ethel Maud Sutherland

Rest Centre Worker

Killed by a direct hit
by H.E. on her own home.

Bury St. Edmunds

23rd May 1943

Maud Violet Bircham

Housewives Service

Killed whilst on a
holiday at Bournemouth.

Leiston - cum -
Sizewell

Agnes Maud Hicks

Assistant Cook

Killed by a direct hit by
H.E. on her own home.



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CITY OF LONDON &
METROPOLITAN
BOROUGHES OF
LONDON



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civitatem
Domine

The City of London

The City of Westminster



Battersea



Bermondsey



Bethnal Green



Camberwell



Chelsea



Deptford



Finsbury



Fulham



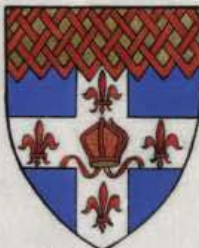
Greenwich



Hackney



Hammersmith



Hampstead



Holborn



Islington



Kensington



Lambeth



Lewisham



Paddington



Poplar



St Marylebone



St Pancras



Shoreditch



Southwark



Stepney



Stoke Newington



Wandsworth



Woolwich

ROYAL
VOLUNTARY

HEADQUARTERS

Esme Fairbairn

19th August 1944

W. V. S. H. Q. Reception (The Shop)

Killed by a V1 (Flying Bomb) which fell on her home.

Myrtle Farquharson
of Invercauld

21st May 1941

Training Department

She also helped in Stepney, issuing clothes to bombed out families.

She was killed by a direct hit from an H.E. on the house in which she lived when in London.

Laura Gibberd

10th October 1940

Under Fives Department

She lived with her sister. They were killed together by a direct hit by H.E. on their house.

Jessie Thompson

16th April 1941

Publicity

Killed by a direct hit from an H.E. on her home.



Region 5

LONDON

Battersea

20th October 1940

Annie Hodge

Rest Centre Leader

Killed by H.E. when she was in a shelter which received a direct hit.

Battersea

19th July 1944

Hannah Jane Miles

Post Leader

She was killed in her own home while preparing breakfast for her family, by direct hit from a V1 (Flying Bomb)

Bermondsey

7th September 1940

Olive Darney

Rest Centre Worker

C.D. Warden

Killed while on duty at the Rest Centre.

Camberwell

6th July 1944

Elsie Bayles

Knitter

She was killed at home when her house had a direct hit by a V1 (Flying Bomb)

Camberwell

6th January 1945

Ethel Alice Cartwright

Housewives Service

She and her husband were sitting by the fire when their house was demolished by a V11 (Rocket). Both were killed.

Camberwell

14th February 1945

Eleanor Dean

Housewives Service

Camouflage Worker

Knitter

She was about her household duties when the house received a direct hit by a V11 (Rocket). She was killed outright.

Camberwell

14th February 1945

Grace Mary Easton

Housewives Service

Collector for the B. R. C. S. Penny-a-Week Fund

She lived in the same house as the Deans, and was there when the Rocket fell. She and her husband were killed together.

Camberwell

12th July 1944

Ada Jane Johnson

Housewives Service

Miss Johnson died in hospital after being injured in the street on her way home from work in a Flying Bomb incident. She had only just recovered from injuries received from an earlier V.1, and had

returned to work about a week. She died in Hospital from injuries sustained when her house was destroyed by a V.1

Camberwell

11 August 1944

Florence Smart

Street Leader

(Flying Bomb)

Chelsea

10th May 1941

Hon. June Mary Forbes-Semphill

Ebury Street Mobile Canteen Depot

Killed by blast from H.E. in a doorway in Basil Street while waiting to go on duty.

Chelsea

3rd January 1945

Marjorie May

Member of Chelsea Royal Hospital Work Party

Mrs May was wife of the Captain of Invalids of Chelsea Royal Hospital. She was killed by a direct hit by V.11 (Rocket) on their official Residence, which was destroyed by a German bomb in 1917, and rebuilt in 1926.

Deptford

17th January 1943

Lily Bowkitt

Housewives Service

Killed at home.

Deptford Marjorie Brookman
 11th September 1940 *Car Driver and Salvage Worker*
 Central Hall, Deptford, received a direct hit while she was delivering wool to the knitting party. She was not killed outright, but with many others of the party was trapped by fallen masonry. She tried to direct the rescuers, one of whom received the George Cross, but

Deptford Annie Cousins
 7th March 1945 *Clothing Depot and Camouflage Worker*
 not one was rescued alive there. Killed when her flat received a direct hit.

Fulham Sybil Carey
 20th February 1944 *Street Leader*
 The whole street was wiped out by a large H.E. Bomb, and she was killed in her home.

Fulham Violet Halcrow
 20th February 1944 *Housewives Service*
 Killed at home when the house was demolished by H.E. This was not in the same street as above.

Hammersmith Winifred Munday
 2nd July 1944 *Post Leader*
 She was killed by a direct hit on her house on a Sunday morning.

Hammersmith Grace Raynor
 20th February 1944 *Work Party Member*
 Killed by direct hit by H.E.

LONDON

Region 5

Kensington

2nd August 1944.

Winifred Bliss

Housewives Service

Killed by V.I. (Flying Bomb)

Kensington

18th June 1944.

Elizabeth Thorn

Work Party Member

Killed by V.I. (Flying Bomb) when in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks. She was aged eighty four.

Kensington

18th June 1944.

Adelaide Wilson

Housewives Service
Hospital Supplies

Killed by V.I. (Flying Bomb) at a Service in the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

Kensington

18th June 1944.

Violet Wilson

Work Party Member. Welfare of the
Gibraltarians in London. Seconded to
S.S.A.F.A.

Killed by V.I. (Flying Bomb) which fell on the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks. She also was at the Service.

Lambeth

1st August 1944.

Ethel Jenkyn

Deputy Head of the Clothing Exchange
A needlewoman, expert on "Make do
and Mend".
Street Leader

Killed at home with her youngest son by V.I. (Flying Bomb) in the early afternoon.

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ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

LONDON

Lewisham

17th July 1944.

Gertrude Amelia Brown

Knitter

They lived together and died together, killed by V.I. (Flying Bomb) in their own home.

Lewisham

17th July 1944.

Grace Emma Brown

Knitter

They had completed an enormous amount of knitting for the Forces since the outbreak of war.

Lewisham

3rd July 1944.

Chrissie Davis

Canteen Worker

She died in the ruins of her house when it was demolished by enemy action.

Lewisham

15th November 1944.

B. Draper

Clothing Exchange Staff.

That morning she was prevented from going to her work, and was killed at home by V.I. (Flying Bomb) which destroyed the house.

Lewisham

29th July 1944.

Elsie Evans

Helper at Sydenham Rest Centre and
at the Services Canteen

Mrs Evans, her husband and daughter were all killed at home by V.I. (Flying Bomb)

Lewisham

28th July 1944.

Freda Judge

V.C.P. Officer for Group IV.

Car Driver and
Member of the Centre Staff

Driving through Lewisham Market she was on her way to Group IV V.C.P. Office, when a Flying Bomb dropped in the street with no warning. She was killed instantly.

LONDON

Region 5

Paddington

14th March 1944

Olga Gairdner

Garnisher of Camouflage Nets
National Savings Worker

Killed at home by enemy action

Paddington

19th February 1944

Veronique May

Garnisher of Camouflage Nets
Salvage Depot

Killed at home by enemy action

St. Marylebone

20th October 1940

Hilda Mary Dyas

Part Time Work

Killed in a Hotel.

Shoreditch

13th October 1940

Winifred Mears

Mobile Canteens

Killed returning from duty.

Shoreditch

4th January 1945

Jane Ruth Peacock

In charge of a Methodist Rest Centre
Knitter

Wife of a Methodist Minister. She was killed while she was changing a book at the Public Library

Stoke Newington

6th January 1941

Sara Jane Moss

Housewives Service.

Killed on duty looking after an elderly blind woman and her deaf and dumb daughter. They were all buried when a parachute mine struck a house two doors away. Very soon after in the bitter cold, snow began to fall heavily.

Stoke Newington **Norah Saltmarsh** killed in Maidstone
July 1944. **Knitter** Circumstances not recorded

Southwark **Miriam Croucher** Killed by H.E.
10th May 1941. **Part Time Secretary to Southwark** Circumstances not recorded.
Centre; Working after 6 p.m. always

Southwark **Ethel Moon Hay** Killed at Smithfield Market
8th March 1945 **Post Leader** when shopping by V.I. (Flying
Work Party Leader Bomb)
She was Junior Warden of the
Women's University Settlement
Nelson Square.

Wandsworth **Hilary Griffiths** Killed at home early on a
18th June 1944. **Member of a Work Party.** Sunday morning by V.I. (Flying
For a considerable time she worked at Bomb)
Rochampton Hospital on Occupational Therapy.

Wandsworth **Neva Harding** By enemy action
24th March 1944. **Housewife** Circumstances not recorded.

Wandsworth **Adelaide Maud Ironside** Killed by H.E. A
3rd March 1945 **Member of a** direct hit on her home. Mrs
Knitting and Sewing Work Party. Ironside and her daughter were
killed together.

Also, in Wandsworth, on June 18th 1944, were killed by Flying Bomb:
Ellen Mary Mutimer, Housewives Service, going into her home; &
Mary Ann Smith, Housewife and Miscellaneous Helper, coming out
of shelter. Margaret Dunn injured on duty by V.I. 12th July 1944, died 18th.

LONDON

Region 5

Westminster

18th June 1944

Ada Cattarns

Head of the Hospital Supply Depot for
Westminster

Killed by V.1 (Flying Bomb)
on the Guards' Chapel, Wellington
Barracks, during Divine
Service

Westminster

18th June 1944

Violet Maud Gordon Wall

Mobile Canteens

Killed by
V.1 (Flying Bomb) on the
Guards' Chapel, Wellington
Barracks.

Westminster

18th June 1944

Hilda May Worrall

Garnisher of Camouflage Nets
Housewives Service

Killed by V.1 (Flying
Bomb) on the Guards' Chapel,
Wellington Barracks.

Woolwich

6th June 1944

Minnie Gertrude Bush

Housewives Service

Killed in a shelter by
a High Explosive bomb

Woolwich

20th March 1941

Ethel Church

Housewives Service

Killed by a Parachute Mine
on her home.

Woolwich

10th October 1940

Florence Foster

Housewives Service

Killed by H. E. Bomb on her
shelter

Region 5

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Woolwich

Winifred Rose Pellatt

Killed at home by H.E.

20th September 1940.

Housewives Service

Woolwich

Victoria Rose

Killed by an H.E. bomb

6th June 1944.

Housewives Service

which demolished her shelter.



MIDDLESEX

Region 5

Ealing

21st October 1940

Jessie Kemp

Housewives Service

Killed in her home by the explosion of an unsuspected delayed action bomb.

Ealing

30th September 1940

Mabel Edith Smith

Post Leader

Killed by direct hit by H.E. on her home.

Enfield

13th March 1944

Ethel Flynn

Leader of a Knitting Party
V. C. P. Driver, and Worker
in a British Restaurant.

Killed in her shelter by H.E.
The bomb scored a direct hit
on the house.

Harrow-on-the
Hill

Part of Harrow Urban District

26th June 1944

Ellen Frances Moore

Housewives Service

Killed in a Flying Bomb
incident. The house was
demolished by the V.1.

Heston and
Isleworth

6th October 1940

Dorothy Gunn

She collected clothing and furniture
for bombed out families and offered
her house as a dump for such gifts.

Severely injured by glass when
an H.E. fell in the garden. She
died from the result two days
later.

Hornsey

22nd October 1940

Florence Sharp

Housewives Service
National Savings Collector

Killed at home by a direct hit
by H.E. which demolished
the house.

Region 5

MIDDLESEX

Southgate

14th December 1944.

Dorothy Meden

Member of a M.E.F.U. Team
Centre Staff

All the occupants of the house were killed that night by direct hit by V1. (Flying Bomb). She was much beloved.

Tottenham

10th October 1940.

Nellie Cork

She died from the effects of an enemy air raid.

Twickenham

29th November 1940

Margaret Mary Griffiths

Salvage Worker

With her husband she was killed at home by direct hit from H.E.

Region 5

METROPOLITAN ESSEX

Ilford

26th October 1944.

Irene Ada Robertson

Street Leader

Killed by the first V1. (Rocket) to fall in Ilford. She was expecting her first baby.

Loughton

Part of Chigwell Urban District
22nd March 1944.

Maud Sophia Winterfield

Street Leader

Killed by enemy action. The circumstances are not recorded.

METROPOLITAN HERTS

Region 5

East Barnet

20th January 1945

Elsie Victoria Glover

Street Leader and Collector
of National Savings

Killed by V.II (Rocket). She
was looking out of her front
door for her little boy who
was killed at the same time.

METROPOLITAN KENT

Region 5

Bexley Heath

10th July 1944

Jane Amy Barry

Civic Rest Centre and Mobile Canteen
She also worked at Emergency Clothing
Red Cross Sewing

Killed by V.I (Flying Bomb)
when at home.

Bexley Heath

19th November 1944

Harriet Taylor

Emergency Clothing
Red Cross Sewing

Killed by V.I (Flying Bomb)
in her own home.

Chislehurst
and Sidcup

21st September 1940

Kathleen Lucy Allen

Housewives Service

Killed by H.E. in their shelter
with her husband and child, a
girl seven years old.

Chislehurst
and Sidcup

15th December 1944

Victoria Isabella Cathersides

Billeting Officer
District Leader

She did continual
work from the beginning of the
War. Killed by V.II (Rocket)
in her own home.

Region 5

METROPOLITAN KENT

Chislehurst
and Sidcup

20th October 1943

Doris Childs

Street Leader

Emergency Feeding Unit

Killed by H.E.

Chislehurst
and Sidcup

June 1944

Winifred Josephine Symes

Killed on duty by
a direct hit on the Ambulance
Station.

Crayford

13th July 1944.

Ethel Hayward

Clothing Depot Worker

Sisters, they were killed by
direct hit on the Clothing Depot.
while issuing clothing to Evacuees.
Fortunately most of the people
were waiting outside, as of those
inside only two were alive when
dug out.

Crayford

13th July 1944.

Winifred Hayward

Clothing Depot Worker

dug out.

Crayford

13th July 1944.

Sarah Ufton

Clothing Depot Worker

Killed while on duty at the
above incident. Two more
W.V.S. were seriously injured.

METROPOLITAN SURREY

Region 5

Barnes Caroline Edith Henson Killed at home by a direct
8th or 9th October 1940 Centre Staff hit from one of a stick of bombs.

Barnes Kathleen Nina & Mother and daughter killed
25th Sept. 1940 Nellie Helen Mary Wilcocks in their own home
Canteens and Hospital Supplies by a Parachute
Mine

Barnes Elizabeth Louisa Mundy Killed by an H.E. bomb
6th September 1940 Shelter Marshal which fell on the Trinity Road
Housewives Service Shelter.

Coulsdon Doris Adamson Killed within three weeks of the
Part of Coulsdon and Purley Urban District opening of Selsdon Sub-Centre.
18th October 1940 The first Secretary of Selsdon Sub-Centre She was at home compiling the
records, when an H.E. fell on the next house causing the col-
lapse of both houses, and the death of Mr. & Mrs. Adamson.

Croydon Violet Mary Hudson Killed with her two
30th April 1941 Hospital Supplies youngest children while keeping
them in shelter under the stairs
at home.

Esher Annie Victoria Atkins She had equipped her
8th August 1941 Housewives Service home as an Aid House, and
was killed there by Flying Bomb

Region 5

ROYAL
METROPOLITAN SURREY
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Esher

10th July 1944

Helen Violet Coulson

Street Leader and Salvage Steward

Killed by a direct hit on her home, which had been equipped as an Aid House.

Esher

8th August 1944

Wendy Coulson

A National Savings Collector

Member of a Sewing Party

Killed by V1 (Flying Bomb) which fell on the house.

Esher

30th November 1940

Linda Metson

General W.V.S. Work

A.R.P. Canteens

Killed by direct hit by H.E. on her home.

Malden

Part of the Borough of Malden and Coombe

23rd June 1944

Constance Maud Haselwood

Street Leader

Killed at home by V1 (Flying Bomb) which demolished her house.

Malden

Part of the Borough of Malden and Coombe

10th August 1940

Alice M. Steed

Hospital Supplies Worker

Died in hospital from injuries received when an H.E. fell on her home.

Merton & Morden

27th September 1940

G. B. Beretta

Cycle Corps Messenger

She was killed at home by H.E. which demolished the house.

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VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

METROPOLITAN SURREY

Region 5

Merton and
Morden

21st July 1944

Elsie Burrows

Billeting Officer
Housewives Service

Killed at home by V1
(Flying Bomb)

Merton and
Morden

10th July 1944

Amy Corbett

Housewives Service

Killed at home by V1
(Flying Bomb)

Merton and
Morden

21st July 1944

Minnie Lillian Hallet

Aid House Worker

Died in Hospital from
injuries received when her house
was destroyed by V1 (Flying
Bomb)

Merton and
Morden

10th July 1944

Elsie Maud McEleny

Salvage Steward

Killed at home by V1
(Flying Bomb)

Merton &
Morden

3rd July 1944

Emily Maud Packwood

Housewives Service

Killed by V1 (Flying
Bomb)

Merton &
Morden

27th September 1940

Winifred Violet Sanderson

Emergency Feeding Centre

Region 5

ROYAL
METROPOLITAN SURREY
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Wallington

Part of the Borough of Dorking & Wallington
16th or 17th August 1944

Ella Diamond

Housewives Service

Canteen Worker

Killed at home by V1
(Flying Bomb) after she had
come off duty

Wimbledon

22nd July 1944

Frances Anker

Housewives Service

Killed in her own home by V1
(Flying Bomb)

Wimbledon

17th June 1944

Edith Brice

Housewives Service.

Canteen Worker.

and Helper at a First Aid Clinic

She had just returned from
duty at the Pelham Road
Canteen when she was killed in
her home by a bomb.

Wimbledon

30th June 1944.

Jessie Cavey

Housewives Service

Killed in her own home by V1
(Flying Bomb)

Wimbledon

23rd July 1944.

Winifred Walker

Salvage Steward

Housewives Service

Killed by direct hit on her
home. She died with her two
children, a boy three years
old, and a girl aged three
months

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SERVICE

BERKSHIRE

Region 6

Reading

10th February 1945

Dorothy Pateman

British Restaurant Worker

Killed while on duty at the
"People's Pantry."

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Region 6

Marlow

January 1941

Margaret Hargrove

Canteen Supervisor

Killed in London in the raid
which wrecked the Cafe de
Paris.

HAMPSHIRE

Region 6

New Milton

Part of Lymington Borough
23rd August 1940

Irene Doris Avery

Messenger

She was in business, but gave
up her half days and holidays
to doing W.V.S. work.
She was killed at home by a
near-by H.E. blowing off
her leg.

New Milton

Part of Lymington Borough
22nd January 1945

Evelyn Edith Morin

Officer of a Social Club for Evacuees

Killed at home with her
three children by direct hit
from H.E.

Region 6

HAMPSHIRE

New Milton
Part of Lyminster Borough
5th August 1942

Gladys Richardson
Killed by direct hit on
her house.
Chief Cutter- Out of a Working Party

Portsmouth
25th April 1944

Elsie Aylen
Welfare Worker
Work Party Member

Killed by direct hit on her house.

Region 6

THE ISLE OF WIGHT

East Cowes
5th May 1942

Alice Frances Hann
Mobile Canteen

She worked through the first Air Raid. Some hours later in the course of a second raid she took shelter in a nearby house which received a direct hit, and she was killed.

Newport
7th April 1945

Elizabeth Draper
Worker on Emergency Feeding

Killed by a direct hit by H.E. on a doctor's house where she was working. The doctor was also killed.

Newport
7th April 1943

Violet Dudley
Canteen Worker

Killed by H.E. which fell on her home. Her small daughter aged five was killed at the same time.

THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Region 6

Newport

7th April 1943

Celia Ann Mundell

Hospital Supply Worker

Killed by a direct hit from H.E. on her home.

Her husband and grandson were also killed.

Ryde

11th April 1941

Gertrude Mary Williams

Voluntary Telephonist at the A.R.P. Centre.

Killed by a

direct hit by

H.E. on her home.

Ventnor

17th January 1943

Annie Adams

Housewives Service

Killed by blast in the

High Street as she was hurrying home during a

Hit-and-Run Raid.

Ventnor

18th August 1942

Catherine Victoria White

W.V.S. Laundry Worker

Killed in her

own home whilst laundering gift garments before

renovation by the local

W.V.S. Working Party.



Region 7

CORNWALL

Camborne -
Redruth

2nd April 1943

Rosemary Goldsmith

Deputy Centre Organiser

She was killed when the ship
in which she was
travelling to
Australia to rejoin her
husband was sunk by enemy
action.

Penzance

5th June 1942

Dorothy Louise Beare

General Worker

Killed while visiting
her Aunt. The house
received a direct hit in a
tip-and-run raid.

DEVONSHIRE

Budleigh Salterton

26th February 1943

Mary Hudson

Leading Housewife

Not on duty when killed.

Dartmouth

17th February 1943

Barbara Joan Ball

General Worker

Not on duty when killed.

Dartmouth

12th September 1942

Hazel Weaver

General Worker

Not on duty when killed.

DEVONSHIRE

Region 7

Exeter

30th December 1942

Katie Florence Brock

Housewives Service

She was a fully trained Housewife holding both the Red and Blue Cards. She was at home when her house received a direct hit by H.E., killing her instantly; her tiny baby & her husband were unhurt.

Exeter

4th May 1942

Una Melhuish

Mobile Canteen Driver

Killed in the Baedeker Raid when at home. Her husband and little girl escaped injury.

Exmouth

26th February 1943

Florence Pidsley

General Worker

Not on duty when killed.

Exmouth

12th February 1942

Hilda Pulford

General Worker

Sustained serious injuries on 12th February. Left the district soon afterwards and died later as a result of the injuries.

Exmouth

26th February 1943

Elsie Kate Tindall

General Worker

Not on duty when killed.

Kingsbridge

15th February 1943

Jessie Rebecca Chapman

General Worker

Not on duty when killed.

Region 7

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DEVONSHIRE
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Kingsbridge Gwendolen Agnes Lethbridge
3rd January 1943 General Worker Not on duty when killed

Plymouth Christine Gwynne Jones She was injured
21st April 1941 General Worker in an Air Raid and died a
few days later.

Plymouth Doris Mitchell Not on duty when killed.
15th June 1943 Housewives Service

Plymouth Mary Madeleine Potter
16th November 1942 Worker at the Respirator Depot Not on duty when killed.

Plympton St. Mary Doreen Ley Not on duty when killed.
30th April 1944 Work Party Member
General Worker

ROYAL
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

DEVONSHIRE

Region 7

Seaton

26th October 1942

Isabella Cartwright

Housewives Service

Not on duty when killed.

Killed by a direct hit by H.E.

on her own home. At the same time her son and daughter

and two grandchildren

were killed; it was a tip and-

run raid and there was no

warning.

Teignmouth

3rd November 1942

Rhoda Boorer

Housewives Service

She was killed when the

church in which she was

teaching in the Sunday School

received a direct hit.

Torquay

30th June 1943,
or 30th May that
same year.

Blanche Ottewell

Work Party Member

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Region 7

Bristol

9th December 1940

Dorothy Cook

Mobile Canteen Driver

While driving a Y.M.C.A.

Canteen van in the Bristol

Docks area in the blackout,

the vehicle fell over the quay

side into the water, and Mrs

Cook, trapped in her van, was

drowned. She had been

driving continuously for a

week through the Blitz.

Region 7

ROYAL
SOMERSET
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Bath

25th April 1942

Ellen Louise Joliffe

Elsie Beatrice Joliffe

Mary Eliza Joliffe

Members of the Housewives Service

Three sisters who were
killed in their own home by
direct hit from an H.E.

Bathavon

25th April 1942

Edith Bird

General Worker

Killed in her own home.

Bathavon

25th April 1942

Eugenia Gooding

General Worker

Killed in her own house

Bathavon

25th April 1942

Hilda Dorothea Murray

General Worker

Killed by
a direct hit by H.E. on the
Regina Hotel.

Portishead

4th September 1940

Violet Mabel Pritt

General Worker

Killed when crossing the
Backyard on her way to the
shelter.

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VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

WILTSHIRE

Region 7

Devizes

16th December 1942

Ada Violet Newham

Canteen Worker

She was killed by machine gun fire while she was travelling by train to see her Mother who was dangerously ill.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Region 9

Tipton

May 1941

Annie Hamilton

Group Leader in the Housewives Service.

Killed with her husband in their own home which received a direct hit.

WARWICKSHIRE

Region 9

Kenilworth

October 1940

Sarah Huff Collett

Rest Centre Worker

She was accidentally killed by one of our own A.A. shells. She was not on duty at the time.

Nuneaton

17th May 1941

Harriet Melly

Head of Warwickshire War Hospitals Supplies & Work Party Leader

Killed by direct hit on her own home.

Region 9

ROYAL
WARWICKSHIRE
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Nuneaton

17th May 1941

Ada Maud Sutton

Rest Centre Worker

They were sisters-in-law and lived together. Both were killed by a direct hit on their house.

Nuneaton

17th May 1941

Sarah Ellen Sutton

Rest Centre Worker

Region 10

CHESHIRE

Altrincham

23rd December 1940

Clarke

Rest Centre Work and Canteens

Killed on her way home by direct hit by H.E.

Birkenhead

2nd May 1941

Marie Ferguson

Housewives Service

Killed by a direct hit on her home.

Birkenhead

17th September 1940

Helena Halliday

Housewives Service

Killed with Margaret Turner in a shelter.

CHESHIRE

Region 10

Birkenhead

12th March 1941

Olive Hughes

Housewives Service

She was killed with her husband by a direct hit on their home.

Birkenhead

26th September 1941

Mabel Kell

Housewives Service

Chief Housewife in her street, she was standing on duty in her house when it received a direct hit. Mrs Kell and one of her children were killed and the other child injured. Her husband was on

Birkenhead

March 1941

Sarah Robinson

Rest Centre Worker
Hospital Supplies

N.F.S. duty and knew nothing about it.

Not on duty when killed.

Birkenhead

21st December 1940

Emily Rosengrove

Housewives Service

Not on duty when killed.

Birkenhead

23rd October 1940

Rhoda Sutherland

Hospital Supplies

Not on duty when killed.

Birkenhead

17th September 1940

Margaret Turner

Housewives Service

Killed with Helena Halliday in a shelter.

Region 10

ROYAL
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE
CHESHIRE

Hyde

22nd December 1940

Margaret Sudlow

Church Knitting & Sewing Group

She and her husband were killed coming out of the Parish Church after Mrs Sudlow had collected all the finished garments from her Group.

Region 10

LANCASHIRE

Bolton

10th April 1941

Grace Matilda Gower

Mobile Canteen Worker

Killed in London when she returned to pack some of her belongings. She took her husband and the children with her and they were all killed together.

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Edith Eleanor Drummond

Housewives Service
Knitter

She was at home when her house received a direct hit.

Bootle

Gertrude Hudson

Housewives Service
Canteens

She returned after a long stretch of duty with the Canteen. Soon after the house received a direct hit, killing Mrs Hudson, her husband and only son.

LANCASHIRE

Region 10

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Margaret Jackson

Rest Centre Worker

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Catherine Little

Rest Centre Worker

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Ada Morris

Rest Centre Worker

These six Rest Centre Workers were killed on duty at the St. Andrew's Rest Centre when it received a direct hit.

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Elizabeth Gertrude Sherwood

Rest Centre Worker

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Agnes Cooper Vernon

Rest Centre Worker

Bootle

3rd May 1941

Jeanie Wright

Rest Centre Worker

ROYAL
VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Region 10

LANCASHIRE

Liverpool
2nd May 1942

Ann G. Mullen
Section Leader
Not on duty when killed.

Oldham
15th October 1941

Katherine Stott
Section Leader
Killed in her own home.

Pleasington
Part of Blackburn Rural District
21st November 1945

Phoebe Mercer
W.V.S. Overseas
Accidentally drowned in
Bangkok, Siam.

Region 12

KENT

Dartford
19th April 1941

Jessie Rose Newell
Office and Canteen Worker
Killed by a direct hit on her
home by H.E.

Dover
3rd April 1942

Elsie Agnes Robson
Rest Centre Worker
Member of a Work Party
& Helper at a Civil Defence Canteen
Killed at home by a direct hit
on the house by H.E.

KENT

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Region 12

Hythe

10th August 1944

Helena Galwey

Canteen Worker

She was alone at home when a Flying Bomb fell in her garden, and she was killed before she could reach her table shelter.

Hythe

4th October 1940

Irene Hallett

Holroyd Stewart

Canteen Worker

Killed at home by direct hit from H.E.

Margate

30th January 1943

Mary Blanche Noble

Leader of Laleham Rest Centre

Killed by direct hit by H.E. when at home.

Northfleet

16th August 1941

Elizabeth Amelia

Miller

Housewives Service

Killed by direct hit on her home by H.E.

Northfleet

16th August 1941

Mary Wicks

Rest Centre Worker

Killed at her home by blast from an H.E.

Ramsgate

3rd November 1943

Emily Olga Holthouse

Mobile Canteen Worker

Killed with her mother when at home, by a shell from a long range gun across the Channel.

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Region 12

KENT ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Sevenoaks

3rd March 1945

Edith Mary Moyce

Street Leader

Killed by a V.I. (Flying Bomb) when her house was completely demolished.

Yalding

Maidstone Rural District

6th October 1945

Hannah Singyard

Rest Centre Worker

Group Leader

She was killed at home by a small H.E. bomb which fell in her garden. The house was partly made of wood and the splinters which came through so severely injured her that she died an hour later.

Region 12

SURREY

Chertsey

5th October 1944

Freda Gibbs

Head Housewife for Butams Lane

Messenger

Killed by V.I. (Flying Bomb) which demolished the house.

Farnham

10/11th May 1941

Dorothy

Constance Evans

In Charge of Social Life of the Evacuee Centre

Killed by direct hit while she was staying in London.

Farnham

10/11th May 1941

Lillian

Elfrida Sutherland

In Charge of Welfare at the Report Centre

Killed by direct hit while she was staying in London.

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SURREY

Region 12

Haslemere

8th March 1943

Marion Clarke

Billeting Officer and Evacuation Clerk

Killed by a direct hit on an Ambulance Depot while she was on duty as an A. R. P. Ambulance Driver

Whiteleaf

Part of Caterham and Warlingham Urban District

21st May 1943

Mabel Beatrice

Merryfield

Helper at the British Restaurant
Work Party Member and Salvage Worker

Killed by one of our own A. A. shells, which fell on the house.

SUSSEX

Region 12

Bexhill

2nd January 1943

Ada Mary Adamson

General Worker

Killed by a direct hit by H. E. on her home.

Bexhill

3rd November 1943

Louise George

Centre Clothing Officer

Died at home as a result of overstrain due to unceasing war work.

Chanctonbury

June 1943

Rotha Hutcheon

Killed when a plane in which she was travelling crashed into the sea.

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VOLUNTARY
SERVICE

Crowborough
Part of Uckfield Rural District
25th October 1940

Lillian Perry
Parish Representative

With her husband and a maid she was killed by a direct hit on the house by H.E.

Crowborough
Part of Uckfield Rural District
22nd July 1941

Kathleen Tulloch
Rest Centre Worker
& Worker for Rose Hip Collections

Killed at home when asleep by blast from a Flying Bomb V.1.

Eastbourne
1941

Ruby Heaton Watson
Work Party Leader

She was staying at Painswick, Gloucestershire, for a holiday, and was killed there by a direct hit on the house in which she

Eastbourne
7th March 1943

V. A. Hipwell
General Helper

was staying
Killed by a direct hit on her home

Hastings
24th September 1942

Fanny Elizabeth Bloore
Housewives Service

Killed by a direct hit on her home.

Hastings
24th September 1942

Constance Bovenizon
Housewives Service

Killed by blast when at home.

Hastings

11th March 1943

Alice Wareham

Housewives Service

Killed by a direct hit on her home.

Rye

10th February 1943

Gladys Axell

Housewives Service

Killed instantly when her house and several others were demolished by a sneak raider.

Wadhurst

Uckfield Rural District
29th July 1944

Charlotte Blaylock

Housewives Service

She was killed when her house collapsed as a V. I. (Flying Bomb) fell twelve yards away.

Wadhurst

Uckfield Rural District
19th September 1940

Florence Topp

Housewives Service

Killed by direct hit on her home by H.E.



SCOTLAND



RENFREWSHIRE

Greenock
Large Burgh
16th April 1941

Mary Pigott McCartney Killed at home by
A.R.P. Worker a direct hit on the house.

Paisley
Large Burgh
6th May 1941.

Isabella Muirhead Hunter She was on duty
First Aid Post Worker at the First Aid Post where she
Evacuation. was in charge of the drugs.
The Post was destroyed by a

Paisley
Large Burgh
6th May 1941.

Agnes Cormie Lochhead Parachute Mine.
Telephonist at a First Aid Post She was on duty
Canteen Worker at the First Aid Post when it
was destroyed. No trace of
her was ever found.

WALES



DENBIGHSHIRE

Wrexham

31st August 1940

Rose Bonsall

Rest Centre Worker
A.R.P. Warden

Died from injuries received from the explosion of a Time Bomb while on her way to a Rest Centre.

GLAMORGANSHIRE

Cwmparc

Part of Rho Judda Urban District
30th April 1941

Elizabeth Jones

First Aid Post

Killed on duty at the First Aid Post

Swansea

17th January 1941

Elizabeth Morris

Group Leader
Rest Centre Worker

She was preparing to go on duty at the Rest Centre when her home was demolished by an H.E. Bomb.

She was buried in debris for some hours, and was unconscious when rescued. She died on the way to hospital. The two other occupants of the house were killed outright.

NORTHERN IRELAND



COUNTY DOWN

Belfast
5th May 1941

Martha Allister
Housewives Service

Hearing that a friend's house was damaged in the raid, she went to help her salvage her belongings. A U.X.B. in the house next door exploded, killing all the occupants and destroying both houses.

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The following drawings shew part of W.V.S. work. But as the work all over the Country was so varied, little has been included beyond the constant experience of the member who made this book.

- 1) A depot where Overseas gifts were unpacked, sorted into allocations for smaller depots and sent on again. Large empty town houses were among buildings used for these depots.
- 2) After Sixes' garnishing camouflage nets for the Army.
- 3) In a Rest Centre. A W.V.S. has come at the request of the Supervisor with toys, and American Red Cross comfort bags.
- 4) Two W.V.S. with small cars have brought a bombed out family from a First Aid Post to the Rest Centre.
- 5) Collecting Salvage in a rural area.
- 6) A Mobile Canteen on its way to an incident.
- 7) Under Fives with W.V.S. escort on their way to a residential nursery in the country.
- 8) At an Incident Enquiry Point. Here close contact was maintained between the Civil Defence Incident Officer and W.V.S. for the collection of all relevant information. It was to the Incident Enquiry Point that people came asking for news of their relatives and friends. They rarely wept except for joy or relief; the woman shown in the picture has just heard that her family is safe.



Thousands of Anderson shelters like this, partly sunk and near the house, were used throughout the war.

I LOOKED UPON THE WRONG SIDE OF A PIECE OF FARRAS: IT SEEMED TO ME

SO THAT INDEED IT WAS A HISTORY NOT WRITTE WITH A PEN,



A CONTINUED NONSENSE--- CONFUSION ITSELF HAD AS MUCH METHOD



A COMPANY OF THRUMS & THREADS, ALL OF WHICH SIGNIFIED NOTHING TO



MY UNDERSTANDING. BUT THEN LOOKING ON THE REVERSE OR RIGHT SIDE THEREOF, ALL PUT TOGETHER DID SPELL EXCELLENT PROPORTIONS &

SO THAT INDEED IT WAS A HISTORY NOT WRITTE WITH A PEN,

ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

IF MEN LOOK UPON OUR LATE TIMES WITH THE MERE EYE OF REASON, THEY

SHEWED TO US TO CONVINCED OUR JUDGEMENTS IN THE TRUTH THEREOF. Thomas Fuller 1608-1651



WILL HARDLY FIND ANY SENSE THEREIN, SUCH THEIR HUDDLE AND



DISORDER, BUT THE WRONG SIDE IS OBJECTED TO OUR EYES,



WHILST THE RIGHT SIDE IS PRESENTED TO THE HIGH GOD OF HEAVEN, WHO KNOWETH THAT AN ADMIRABLE ORDER DOETH RESULT OUT OF

THIS CONFUSION, AND WHAT IS PRESENTED TO HIM AT PRESENT, MAY HEREAFTER BE SO —

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Everlasting Father, we commend to Thee all those
for whom the end of the war is not the end of suffering,
the wounded, the homeless, the hungry, the bereaved.



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GLOSSARY

- A.A.** Anti-aircraft.
- After Sixes** Women from offices and shops who, after their working day, gave their help to W.V.S.
- Aid House** Aid Houses were organised in connection with the Invasion Defence Plan, when it was thought that Areas might be cut off from Hospitals and First Aid Posts. At these houses minor casualties could be attended to, and the usual W.V.S. help would be available.
- Anderson Shelter** A corrugated iron shelter with steel fittings, for use out of doors, usually in the gardens of small houses. The shelter was sunk in the ground and its roof covered with earth. Often it was planted with flowers. This type of shelter was named after Sir John Anderson.
- A.R.P.** Air Raid Precautions.
- Baedeker Raids** German air raids on English towns of special historical interest such as Bath, Canterbury, Exeter, York, which could in no way be termed legitimate targets.
- British Restaurant** A communal feeding centre where meals could be obtained at a reasonable price.
- C.D.** Civil Defence.
- Centre Staff** The W.V.S. members whose work was based on the local W.V.S. Centre.
- Evacuees** Children, expectant mothers and other persons sent officially from an expected target area to an expected safe area.
- H.E.** High Explosive.
- Hit and Run** Different names given to one type of raid in which an enemy raider flew in over the coast, dropping bombs or machine gunning and returning immediately.
- Tip and Run or Sneak Raids**
- Housewives Service** The neighbourhood group, or street or village organisation of W.V.S. by means of which the work was decentralised to the smallest possible local unit. The work of members in this section was done from their own homes. On the occurrence of bombing they gave immediate local help in various ways.
- M.E.F.U.** Mobile Emergency Feeding Unit.
- Post Leader** The W.V.S. member in a Wardens Post Area, responsible for the organisation of the Street Leaders and Housewives in that area.
- Rest Centre** A temporary resting place for bombed-out persons, where they slept and were fed until billeted or rehoused.
- Siren** The Air Raid Warning apparatus.
- Morrison Table Shelter** The Morrison Table Shelter, named after Mr. Herbert Morrison, consisted of a steel framework and steel table top designed for use on the ground floor of dwellings, to withstand the weight of the house should it collapse.
- V.C.P.** Volunteer Car Pool. Local groups of volunteer drivers with their own cars carried out an enormous variety of duties, & were on call at all times.

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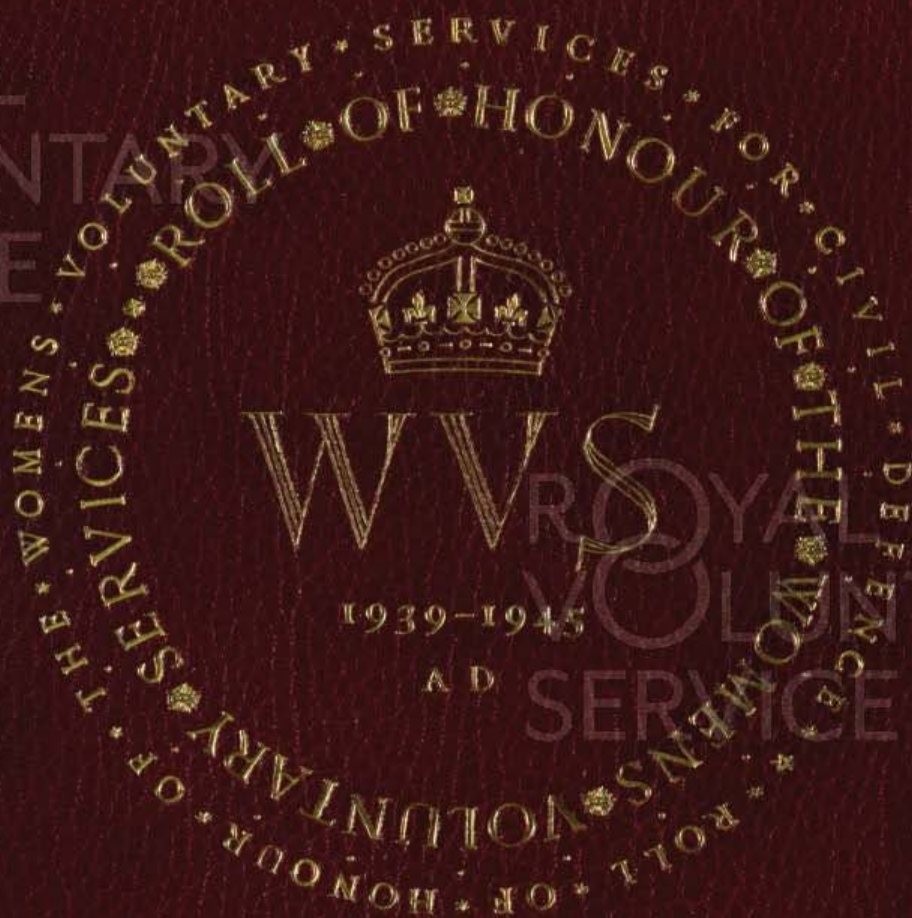
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