CASE 2250A

John Henry FRANKS - 36 years

Party Leader

70, Wincham Avenue, Sidcup

Heavy Rescue Service - L.C.C. - 4 years

Civil Occupation: Carpenter

Rescue work at Shardeloes Road, Deptford on 1st November, 1944

Recommended by: Clerk of the L.C.C.

No.5 (London) Regional Commissioner Recommends: B.E.M. dated 26.1.45

DOCUMENTS: (1) Report by T.P. Tinslay - District Rescue Officer
(2) Statement by R. Skipp - A.R.P.O. and Chief Warden
(3)   "   "   S. Burslem - Deputy Chief Warden
(4)   "   "   E.W. Hurden - Asst. District Rescue Officer
(5)   "   "   J.H. Wooster - Station Officer

CASE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE: 13/2 1945. RECOMMENDATION: B.E.M.

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TREASURY RECOMMENDATION: B.E.M.   GAZETTED: 194 .

CASE 2250B (b)

Algernon Thomas William SHERYER - 58 years

Rescueman

1 Milton Court Road, S.E.14.

Heavy Rescue Service - L.C.C. - 4 years

Civil Occupation: Builder's handyman and fitter.

Ground of Recommendation: As for 2250A

Recommended by: Clerk of the L.C.C.

No.5 (London) Regional Commissioner Recommends: B.E.M. dated 26.1.45

DOCUMENTS: As for 2250A

CASE CONSIDERED BY COMMITTEE: 13/2 1945. RECOMMENDATION: B.E.M.

TREASURY RECOMMENDATION: B.E.M.   GAZETTED: 194 .

Copy of Report by T.P. Tinslay

At about 18.30 hours on 1st November, 1944, a L.R.R. fell in Shardeloes,
Road, Deptford, causing heavy casualties and considerable damage to property,
26 houses being completely destroyed. Some 15 Heavy Rescue parties under the
direction of Mr. Hurden, Assistant District Officer, were in operation.

At one four-storey house, which had collapsed into the basement, a fire had
broken out and during this conflagration Leader Franks made a heroic attempt to
rescue two persons trapped and buried under the burning debris. Leader Franks,
assisted by Rescueman A.T.W. Sheryer, was working under extremely dangerous conditions
in a tunnel formed in debris which was not only on fire but was becoming more
unstable as the result of the water from the firemen's hoses. An additional
hazard was the probable further collapse of the building as many of the walls

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