VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS STAND DOWN

Four thousand men and women who gave up their spare time to serve in the N.F.S. held their final parade in Hyde Park, marching past the Minister of Home Security. Thousands of people owe the fact that they are alive today to the bravery and strong sense of duty of the fire fighting volunteers.

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In the Albert Hall they were thanked by General Pile, G.O.C. Anti-Aircraft Command. He told them that the whole of London was conscious of its great debt to these part-time herces - and hercines - of the blitz. Then came a concert, arranged by the Evening Standard. First item, Rob Wilton.