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ON THE "ALERT"

Alertness on the sounding of the alert has become second nature to our Civil Defence Services. In recent raids in the London Area, Rescue Squads and Wardens have gone to work with that same calm efficiency which won them such high praise in the Battle of Britain days. The Incident Officer brings order amid the chaos of the night's bombing. Out of the muddled wreckage of many homes the rescue men carry Mr. Knowles who was buried in the ruins of his house.

Mrs. Knowles owes her life to a Morrison Table shelter. Words of comfort are spoken to her by one of these men to whom we are paying tribute in this short account of a recent raid.

On the stretcher is Mrs. Finch, another victim of the Luftwaffe - rescued after 10 hours searching. Yes, when it comes to the handing out of Service ribbons, Civil Defence has a right to expect recognition.