

Mr John Godfrey, air raid warden, recently received a commendation for rescue work in a bomber convent. He fought his way through one of the shelter entrances and carried on with rescue work until overcome by fumes, when he had himself to be rescued.

Mr Godfrey who lives at St Dunstan's Road, Barons Court, London, W.6. was one of the first post wardens to be appointed in Fulham and is now serving with the Hammersmith A.R.P. service. He is an old member of the Jewish Lad's Brigade and of the Hutchinson House Club and was the founder in 1908 of 'Landsberg's' 1<sup>st</sup> East London Troop of Boy Scouts (the first Jewish Troop in the world with Mr Godfrey having the distinction of being the first Jewish Scout in the world). Landsberg's 1st East London Scout Troop was active for over half a century at Toynbee Hall, Aldgate, until a bomb hit the building during the war. The founder, Captain Jose R Landsberg, set the group up on his return from the Boer War.

Until August 31, 1939, when he was called upon by the A.R.P. for war service, he was in charge of a section of the Jewish Refugee Committee at Bloomsbury House. He is an organiser and chairman of the Bloomsbury House Social and Athletic Club for Refugees and was also in charge of the Bloomsbury House A.R.P. services.

Mr and Mrs Godfrey's three children are all serving their country.

Sergeant Harry Godfrey, R.A.F. was educated at Fulham Central School and Westminster City School, where he was a prefect. He attended the Hammersmith Hebrew classes. As an all-round sportsman he achieved distinction in football, cricket, high jump and long jump, and he was a member of the Hammersmith Company Jewish Lad's Brigade. He is Chairman of the Fulham branch of the Junior Imperial League. Formerly in the A.R.P. service he is now an air gunner and wireless operator and has been recommended for a commission.

A/C W 1 Toby Godfrey, WAAF, the elder daughter was also in the A.R.P. service formerly. She is a member of the Fulham branch of the Junior Imperial League, and she attended the Hammersmith Hebrew classes and was a member of Habonim.

Monica Godfrey, the younger daughter is probably the youngest qualified A.R.P. worker in the country. She passed her examination and received her badge and certificate at the age of 10 ½ early in 1939.