

**C DI 3                      Certificates presented after firewatching at                      c.1941-c.1942**  
**Hull's Holy Trinity Church**

**Accession number:** 25/09

**Historical Background:** Fire watching was not a popular job as it could be tedious and boring and those involved could spend as much as seventy-two hours a week on duty. It was an essential part of Civil Defence in Hull as many bombs were dropped indiscriminately.

It was considered the duty of everyone working at a premises between the ages of 16 and 60 to take turns fire watching, whilst the Corporation called for a pool of fire watchers, known as the Town Pool, to protect their buildings. Those already involved in Civil Defence could claim exemption from fire watching which reduced the available personnel considerably and 'Firebomb fritz' became part of a national campaign to encourage volunteers to sign up for the service.

**Custodial history:** Deposited by Jean Fenwick in January 2025

**Description:** Certificates awarded to Mr. J.W. Kaufmann and Mr. G.W. Mayfield depicting an illustration of Holy Trinity Church (now Hull Minster) by Ronald Ernest Helm. Also includes Home Office certificate to J.W. Kaufmann noting the award of the Imperial Service Medal, awarded by His Majesty The King.

**Extent:** 3 items

**Related material:** Records of personnel for Civil Defence, 1935-1947 includes personnel cards of the Cyclist Messenger Corps, Fire Guard Section and Fire Watchers which can be found at C TYR

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DI 3/1	Certificate presented to Mr. J.W. Kaufmann by the Vicar, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Hull As grateful acknowledgement of fireguard duties faithfully performed. Shows illustration of Holy Trinity Church 1 item	c.1941-c.1942
C DI 3/2	Certificate presented to Mr. G.W. Mayfield by the Vicar, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of Holy Trinity Church, Hull As grateful acknowledgement of fireguard duties faithfully performed. Shows illustration of Holy Trinity Church 1 item	c.1941-c.1942

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C DI 3/3	Certificate presented to Mr. J.W. Kaufmann from the Home Office For the Imperial Service Medal awarded by His Majesty The King. Mounted on card. 1 item	c.1941-c.1942
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