



Albert George DOLPHIN GC (Posthumously)

Emergency Hospital Porter Albert George DOLPHIN GC. South Eastern Hospital, New Cross, London. Born 1896 (Bermondsey, South East London). Died in George Cross Action 7th September 1940. Husband of Mrs C Dolphin of 21 Boyland Road, Downham Way, Bromley, Kent.

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On the night of 7th September 1940 a high explosive bomb fell on the kitchens of Ward Block 1 at the South Eastern Hospital, killing four nurses who were in the ground floor kitchen and injuring the night Sister and patients in the adjoining ward. A nurse, who was in the ward kitchen on the first floor, was thrown through the collapsing floor into the passage below. Together with other helpers, Albert Ernest Dolphin, one of the porters of the hospital, rushed to the site and found her pinioned by a block of masonry across her legs. While they were working the wall was heard to crack and subsequently collapsed. The workers had ample time to jump clear before the masonry fell, but Dolphin remained where he was and his body was subsequently found lying face downwards across the nurse with his head towards the wall which collapsed on top of him. When found he was dead, but the nurse, who was subsequently extricated, was still alive, though severely injured. There is no doubt that Dolphin, although aware that the wall was about to collapse, deliberately remained where he was and threw himself across the nurse's body in an endeavor to protect her. This he succeeded in doing at the cost of his own life.

