

 **Transcript****Extract from a Home Office government report on the effectiveness of Morrison shelters**

During the recent raid on York Mr. McGregor aged 79, his wife of 78 and an airman on leave owe their lives to the fact that they were in a "Morrison" when their house collapsed as a result of a direct hit. They were stunned, but soon came out of the shelter, without help. Mrs. McGregor had a slight hand injury and the airman cuts on the head and shoulder; Mr. McGregor received no injury. The shelter which had saved their lives was tilted but it held off the debris of the two storey building.

A report of Ministry of Home Security experts on 39 cases of bombing incidents in different parts of Britain covering all those for which full particulars are available in which Morrison shelters were involved shows how well they have stood up to severe tests of heavy bombing.

All the incidents were serious. Many of the incidents involved direct hits on the houses concerned a risk against which it was never claimed these shelters would afford protection. In all of them the houses in which shelters were placed were within the radius of damage by bombs; in 24 there was complete demolition of the house on the shelter.

A hundred and nineteen people were sheltering in these "Morrison" and only four were killed. So that 115 out of 119 people were saved. Of these only 7 were seriously injured and 14 slightly injured while 94 escaped uninjured. The majority were able to leave their shelters unaided.