

## Fireman Saves Two Women from Roof of Blazing Building

Except for a hoarse voice, a young Sheffield Hairdresser, to-day had completely recovered from the most thrilling experience of her life, when she was trapped in a fume-filled building with a fire below her in Fargate, Sheffield, last night.

She is Miss Constance Bower, who with customer was rescued by Fireman Woodward, of Sheffield Fire Brigade who swung far above the ground by his arms and hauled himself up by some roof guttering to go to her aid.

Mrs. White the manageress of Anne Lennard Ltd., costumiers, whose premises are adjoining, told "The Star" to-day that she and some of her staff heard Miss Bower's cries of warning and rushed into the lane between the buildings.

### A Thrill

One of the girls got a ladder, which was too short. The Fire Brigade clanged to a stop in Fargate, and Firemen Woodward promptly went up the ladder, though it was three or four feet short.

From the topmost rungs he reached upwards to the guttering and a thrilled group far below watched him haul himself from the ladder to the roof, clambering up the steep slope to the window of Miss Bower's premises.

Meanwhile a longer ladder was obtained from the fire engine and he then helped them across the roof and down to safety.

### Wonderful

"We were thrilled by the way he hung onto the spouting and hauled himself up, three storeys above ground," Mrs. White said.

"We thought it was a wonderful piece of work. He showed really remarkable courage. The whole brigade, in fact, were simply grand."

Miss Bower said she was working, unconscious of the fire, when a charlady from a room above opened her door and burst in, enveloped in smoke, to warn them.

She went back for her coat, and we tried to get downstairs, but found the fumes so dense that we were driven back, choking. Apparently the charlady also tried to get down, and was rescued by Constable Judd.

### Trapped

"Back in my room, I lifted the window and yelled my hardest. I tried to telephone for the Brigade, but had to leave the phone because of the smoke.

“Then the Brigade came and I saw Fireman Woodward climb up to the roof. We were trapped upstairs, and I think his action was absolutely marvellous.

“The whole brigade was wonderful, I have never seen anything so smart and so prompt before. I am sure Sheffield has a Fire Brigade to be proud of, and I do congratulate them.”

Fireman Woodward himself, whose exploit, at the back of building was watched only by a small, thrilled group of spectators, regarded it as just part of a day’s work, and was so retiring about it that the watchers had great difficulty in finding out his name.