

Blaze Blast Fireman Dies

Fireman Frank Mallinson, who took the full force of a blast, when he was fighting a fire at a city cafe, died in hospital yesterday - eight days after the fire.

He was tackling the blaze on the mezzanine floor of the Little Mermaid Cafe, Norfolk Street, Sheffield. After the explosion, he was taken to hospital with extensive burns and an arm injury.

Mr. Mallinson, 28, of Oldfield Avenue, Stannington, Sheffield, was married with two children.

Tragic reminder

THE news that Sheffield fireman Mr. Frank Mallinson has died as a result of injuries received carrying out his duty at a local cafe fire serves to remind us all of the risks the brigade performs on our behalf.

The fact that he was only the second fireman to die in Sheffield since the war should not be allowed to disguise the inherent dangers of the job. The truth is that only courage, efficiency and highly-drilled team work regularly prevent more of these tragedies.

There are occasions, however, when all the discipline, training, and bravery in the world are to no avail and this, sadly, was one of them. It seems that Mr. Mallinson and his colleagues were caught by a totally unpredictable explosion during the course of the fire and that he took the main blast of it.

Our sympathy goes out to his young wife and children and our tributes to all those who do as he did - take on the unexpected at a moment's notice.

Inquest on fireman

At the inquest in Sheffield yesterday on fireman. Mr. Frank Mallinson, aged 28, of 'Oldfield Avenue, Stannington, who was fatally burned when fighting a fire in the Mermaid Cafe, Norfolk Street, Sheffield. Dr, Michael F. Green said death was due to septicemia and kidney failure due to extensive burns.

Dr. Green said 50 per cent of the body surface was burned. The Coroner, Dr. Herbert Pilling, adjourned the inquest to a date to be fixed.

Members of Mr. Mallinson's own watch at Sheffield fire station will attend the cremation service, which has been provisionally arranged for Tuesday. The rota at the station is being altered to allow former colleagues to attend.

City Fire Victim Commended

Sheffield fire brigades committee yesterday commended the devotion to duty of fireman Frank Mallinson, who died after being injured fighting a blaze at the Little Mermaid Cafe, Norfolk Street.

Members also expressed their deep sympathy with Mrs Mallinson. Committee chairman Coun. Alan Blake said: "We felt very much that devotion to duty like this ought to be recorded."