

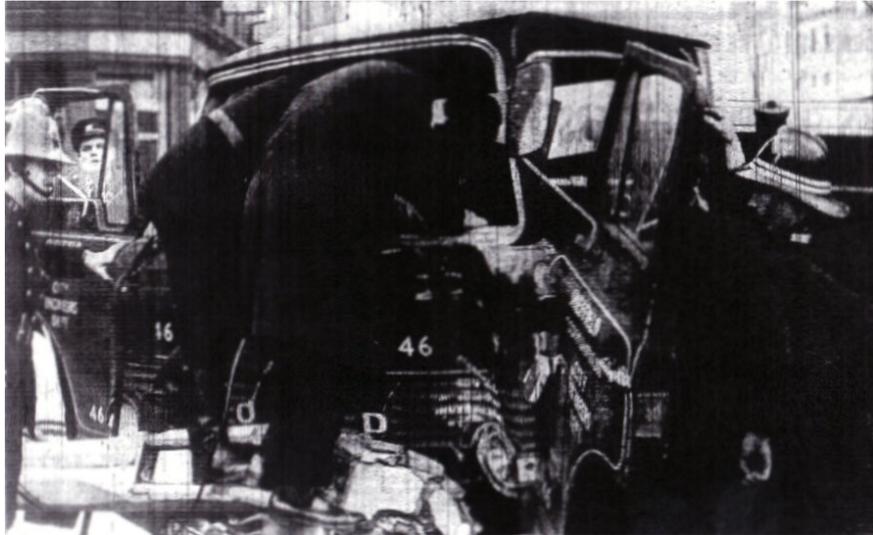
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Two Trapped as Bus and Lorry Crash in Sheffield

By a staff reporter

Two men were trapped and passengers were showered with glass when a bus and a lorry were in collision at the Wicker, Sheffield, today.

After the collision the lorry hit a concrete lamp standard, demolishing it, and then slewed across the road.



Firemen worked for 20 minutes to release the driver's mate, Mr. Cyril Beard, aged 32, of Cullabine Road, Manor, Sheffield.

He was trapped by the legs under the crushed dashboard of the lorry, a Sheffield Corporation vehicle.

The driver, 45-year-old Mr. Frank Tomlinson, of Bowman Drive, Gleadless, was pinned in his seat by the steering column, which firemen had to cut through to release him.

A third man in the lorry, Mr. Albert Marriott, aged 44, of Kilvington Road, Manor, received an injured hand and cuts to the face.

A hole was ripped in the side of the bus, and glass covered passengers as they were thrown about' in their seats.

Escape

One woman was taken, to hospital suffering from shock. The conductor had a narrow escape "I dived to the other side of the bus a split second before a hole was ripped in the side just where I had been standing," he said. Ambulances stood by while firemen worked with cutting equipment to free the two men. Mr. Tomlinson was released after about five minutes and taken to the Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Beard was able to chat with firemen as they worked to free him. When the lamp standard fell, it narrowly missed a woman pedestrian, according to one eye-witness. A police spokesman said it was lucky the Wicker was quiet at the time.

Terrific bang

A woman who saw the accident said: "There was a terrific bang, and then the lamp standard toppled like a falling tree. It missed by literally an inch the bay window of the Bull and Oak public house."

Traffic was held up for a time but police soon diverted vehicles to the opposite lane of the dual carriageway.