

## Fireman Killed Saving Cat in Tree

A SHEFFIELD fireman was killed yesterday in rescuing a cat caught in the top of a tree.

He was 39-year-old Fireman Colin Hill, of 125, Vincent Road, Sheffield.

Fireman Hill turned out on a special service call to a cat caught in the top of a tree on a static water tank site at the rear of 88, Albert Road, Sheffield.

A special service team led by Leading Fireman J. A. Arnold reared a ladder against the tree.

### Struck Branch

Fireman Hill mounted the 25 ft. ladder and on reaching the top climbed onto a branch of the tree.

He got the cat in his arms and was making his way back along the branch. As he approached the head of the ladder there was a loud crack and he fell.

His head struck a protruding branch 15 feet from the ground.

An ambulance was summoned but Fireman Hill was found to be dead on arrival at the Sheffield Royal Hospital.

He was the first Sheffield Fireman to lose his life in action since the end of the war.



FIREMAN HILL

"A very popular fellow" "A real pal" and "A great Fireman" were some of the comments of his colleagues at Division Street, Fire Station.

Mrs. Edith Allen, 48.-year-old housewife, of 88, Albert Road, who saw Fireman Hill fall, told , a "Sheffield Telegraph" reporter that her 21-year-old son wanted to rescue the cat, but the police stopped him.

## **Was in Blitzes**

Fireman Hill joined the AFS in 1938 and became a fulltime fireman on the outbreaks of war. He served throughout the war and was called out to both Sheffield blitzes.

He was transferred to 'Sheffield Fire Brigade in 1947 and was a hard worker for the Firemen's Benevolent Society, inaugurated during the war to assist widows of firemen who were killed on duty.

He leaves a wife and a two-year-old son.

Before becoming a firemen he was a wages and costs clerk.