

Paper Sorter Fights Fire



Firemen at the Sheffield Salvation Army waste paper store in Ellin Street, Sheffield seen in action while the fire that broke out there was still burning fiercely

Bales of waste paper blazed at the Salvation Army waste paper depot in Sheffield, this afternoon, and a section of the room caught fire.

But quick action by 29-year-old Harry Mason, who works there as a paper sorter, saved what might have been a dangerous situation. Next door to the premises is the garage of Clifford Metcalfe Ltd., with storage tanks containing about 1,000 gallons of petrol. Mr Mason had returned from his lunch break when he saw several bales on fire. He rushed into the office and dialled 999 for the fire brigade.

Buckets-of-Water

Then he went outside again he found the flames had spread to a part of the roofing. The offices, however, which are directly next to the garage in Ellen Street were not affected.

Mr. Mason tackled the blaze with buckets of water until the brigade arrived soon after.

"I couldn't do much, as the fire was so big and spreading so fast, he told "The Star." The depot, which is being vacated by the Salvation Army at the end of this month, contained about seven tons of waste paper.