

Inspector Cornish Death of a Plucky Sheffield Fighter

Inspector A. Cornish, Second Officer of Sheffield Fire Brigade, died suddenly last night. He was held in high esteem by members of the Brigade.

Inspector Cornish joined the Fire Brigade in May, 1905 and was due to retire in May next, after 26 years' service. He was promoted sergeant on October 1st, 1927, and inspector and second Officer on May 21st, 1928.



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In November last he received severe injuries in a fire at Sheffield Royal Hospital. He was badly burned about the face and hands, which necessitated his detention in hospital. Subsequently he received treatment at the Annexe, Fulwood, and at the Police Nursing Home, Harrogate.

In July 1st Inspector Cornish was presented by Alderman C. W. Beardsley, the then Lord Mayor, with the bronze medal of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire, for bravery in the fire in Trafalgar Street, Sheffield, on January 16th, 1930 when a widow and her two and a half year old baby were burned to death.

The firemen had to go into an adjoining house, cut a hole through the wall, and climb through into the attic. Alderman Beardsley congratulated Inspector Cornish and other recipients of medals from the Society on the bravery and determination they had shown.

Inspector Cornish leaves a widow and three children.