

TRAGIC FIRE

In a courageous bid to locate the seat of a fire in Egmont St. last month, Mr L.J. Goodman, deputy super-intendent of the New Plymouth Fire Brigade, lost his life.

The fire broke out in the cellar of Medley and Henderson, typewriter suppliers.

Fearing that stores of white spirit would explode, Mr Goodman braved thick, choking smoke to seek the seat of the fire, but was forced to return to the street, almost unconcious.

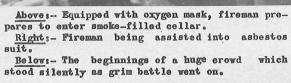
He went back to the

cellar a second time, and did not return. Then followed a tense struggle lasting almost two hours as other firemen, using oxygen and compressed air, fought desperate—
ly to save Mr Goodman from the smoke and heat. His body was recovered at 5.40.



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Above: - Firemen prepare oxygen cylinders for further efforts to for further efforts to save Mr Goodman. But smoke was so thick that even with masks, men could stay in the cellar only a minute or two at a time.

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This picture of the scene was taken a few minutes after the arrival of the brigade.

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Right: Ambulance
was rushed to fire as
soon as Mr Goodman
failed to return from

cellar.

Belows - Engine with
fresh supplies of oxygen (left) arrives at
Egmont Street intersection.





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