



Museum of Fire  
Articles on Historic Firefighting Equipment

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## Steel Helmets

These helmets were the same pattern as those worn by the Armed Forces and were mass produced for issue to the National Fire Service and the Auxiliary Fire Service.

\*General Order No.26 dated 30/01/42 was as follows "Wearing of leather helmets will be discontinued and all personnel running to fires shall wear the General Service Steel Helmets, leather helmets should be retained by fireman issued with them and kept in good order." Signed W B Muir Fire Force Commander. (*\*from Ian Scott's archives*).

The museum has several examples of these, rank markings were painted on the helmet beneath the National Fire Service (NFS) and Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) transfer and our examples range from Fire Force Commander to Fireman.

