

PILOT'S DRIVE IN FIRE ENGINE

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A schoolgirl, aged 17, of Walton-on-Thames, is too ill to be told that her boy friend, a 20-year-old pilot, has been sent to prison for a month after driving in a fire engine to see her, says the London "Daily Mirror."

Her parents are afraid that if she is told her grief will make her worse. But his mother wishes she had been with him enjoying the fun.

The pilot, Raymond Pullin, of the Great West Rd., Hounslow, decided at 3 a.m. that he would like to see Mary Hassell, his girl friend. He broke into the fire station at Feltham, Middlesex, started up the borough's only fire engine and drove out to Garrett Close, Walton-on-Thames, where Mary lives.

While squad cars searched London for the missing fire engine, Raymond drove around for two hours waving his hand to unsuspecting policemen and getting friendly salutes in return.

When he reached Mary's house he drew up, and while neighbours peered out of windows, walked up to Mr. Hassell's house, rang the bell, and shouted, "Mary, come out and see my fire engine." But her father came to the door, and persuaded Raymond to return the engine.

Pullin appeared at Feltham Police Court and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and ordered to pay £44 costs.