

## Fire Chief to Retire



Mr. H. J. Reynolds chief of the Sheffield Fire Brigade is retiring on September 30 after 29 years' service as a firefighter. He is 55

A Portsmouth man, he attended the military school there and served throughout the 1914-18 war in the Royal Marine Artillery.

He served in Huddersfield Police Force and Fire Brigade from 1924 until the outbreak of the Second World War, and was responsible for training auxiliary firemen.

His first blitz experience was in Sheffield, and he also did firefighting work in the Liverpool and Hull blitzes.

When the fire brigade was nationalised, Mr. Reynolds became a column officer and later a divisional officer.

In 1941 he was transferred to the Southampton area, where he had charge of all firefighting divisions before, during, and after D-Day.

He was assistant fire force commander for the Bradford area when he became fire force commander for the Sheffield area in 1945 and continued as chief of the Sheffield Fire Brigade on de-nationalisation.

Mr Reynolds was awarded the King's Fire Service Medal in 1947.