

Compliments from the Inspector First-Class Show, Firemen Told

On the third and last day of his inspection of Sheffield Fire Brigade at Norton yesterday, H.M. Inspector P. P. Booth, had some complementary things to say about it.

After watching the brigade march in line and in file and then give a slick demonstration of fire drill, with water tender pump and turntable ladder, he said: "A first class show: a credit to yourselves and a credit to Sheffield." And during an informal talk to the men he said: "You have excelled yourselves."

Congratulating the A.F.S. on their excellent muster at an exercise the night before, Mr. Booth said it showed the voluntary spirit was not completely dead.

Mr. Booth, the Lord Mayor (Ald. J. H. Bingham) and the Deputy Town Clerk (Mr. S. Hilton) were guests at a luncheon at which Coun. H. Redgate, committee chairman, said there was only one fire brigade apart from Sheffield's, which had a waiting list for firemen.

'Central HQ'

The average age of Sheffield firemen was around 35, an important factor in these days of greater fire risks, and ten-story flats, when firemen had to be comparatively young so as to be able to move about quickly.

A pleasing feature was the reduced number of calls for the brigade, which showed how the fire prevention department was playing its part in advising people to make precautions.

Councillor Redgate praised the A.F.S. for volunteering to help the brigade during the recent storm, when 216 calls were received in 48 hours.

He thought the A.F.S. had come to stay and he strongly urged that they be provided with some central headquarters in the city centre so that they could be kept together.