

'Blitz' Man Leaving City Fire Brigade.



STATION OFFICER A. B. ("Ginger") Booth is retiring from Sheffield Fire • Brigade at the end of this month after 30 years' service.

Mr. Booth, now at the Mansfield Road station, was promoted station officer six years ago and has since alternated between Mansfield Road, Central and Darnall divisions.

He became a fireman in 1938, a few months before his father, Mr. Archie Booth, retired from the Sheffield Brigade.

During the aid raids on the city, Station Officer Booth remained in the brigade but joined the Forces in 1942

In 1938 the service consisted of 52 firemen - and there are now some 250 - and there were no district stations.

Station Officer Booth, who is 51 lives in Arnold Avenue, Sheffield, and has three daughters and a granddaughter.

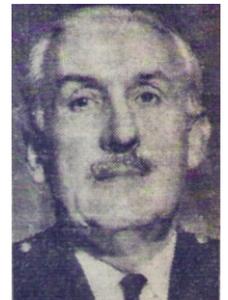
'Twins' To End 30 Years 'On the Bell'

By a staff reporter

Two Sheffield men who began their careers with the city fire service on the same day in April, 1938, are to retire next month, again on the same day.

They are Divisional Officer Fred Bellfield, who supervises the stations at Darnall and Elm Lane, and' Station Officer William Unwin, of Elm Lane.

Firm friends as well as close' colleagues, both men, aged 50, have had almost parallel careers in the city; fire service. They joined the brigade when aged 20 at the Division Street headquarters.



DIVISIONAL OFFICER
FRED BELLFIELD

Bellfield became a leading fireman in 1941, and then went on to be company officer when the fire brigade became a national service during the war.



After a brief spell at Barnsley, he returned to the city, and was appointed sub-officer in 1948.

In 1956 he became Station Officer at Division Street, and seven years later was appointed Divisional Officer.

Mr. Unwin served at Doncaster, and for two years was an army instructor.

He was made a leading fireman in 1948, and became a station officer in 1950.

STATION OFFICER
WILLIAM UNWIN

