

Mr. Tom Breaks Gets O.B.E.

Mr. Tom Breaks, Deputy Chief Inspector, Fire Brigades Division, Home Office, has been made an additional officer of the Civil Division of the O.B.E.



Mr. Breaks was in charge of the operations for the extinction of a large fire which was caused by enemy air action, and which burned for a considerable time. During this period he had to expose himself to great danger many times.

His powers of organisation and the manner in which he handled men under his command, were quite outstanding, the official report said.

Mr. Breaks organised the dispositions of the fire attack, including the arrangements for relaying water from a distance on more than one occasion under bombing and machine-gun fire from the enemy.

At the same time, he organised billeting, feeding, and medical attention for the personnel engaged in the area where facilities for these purposes were very limited.

Mr. Tom Breaks was Superintendent of the Sheffield Fire Brigade from 1923 to 1937.