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Honours from two careers

AFTER 30 years' loyal service to the Ministry of Defence, Captain James Bell of Monkswood Avenue, Waltham

Abbey, retires at the end of the month from his senior post at the Explosives Research and Development Es-

tablishment, Waltham Abbey.

And what's more he will be receiving an OBE from the Queen this autumn as one of her birthday honours.

"It's a fitting end to my career with the Ministry," he said. "I've gained honours in two careers. In the army I was awarded the Military Cross and in civilian life I now have the OBE. It is most gratifying."

The Bell household will be celebrating a double retirement because Mr Bell's wife, Charlotte, who is matron at the War Memorial Hospital, Waltham Abbey, retires today (Friday).

Mr and Mrs Bell have two sons. One is a medical student at the London Hospital and the other is at the moment in Africa.



● Capt Bell and his wife Charlotte.

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