

ROSE'S DARING RESCUE.

Risks His Own Life, Against Advice of Other Firemen, to Save That of an Aged Arcadia Lodger.

No official report was ever made at Fire Headquarters of the daring rescue of an aged man at the Arcadia building fire by hoseman James P. Rose of Engine Company 22, Warren av, for which the Grand Jury yesterday in its report publicly commended the young fireman.

The rescue was accomplished under trying and thrilling circumstances and after it was over Jimmy Rose, who has fought the Spaniard and the Philippines, went back to his station and had but little to say regarding the incident until he was summoned as a witness before the Grand Jury. His act had been observed, though, and it is hard for his friends to understand why Commissioner Cole never heard of it officially.

Engine 22 was one of the first to reach the fire and its men worked in the rear of the building. Hoseman Rose and Michael J. Sullivan started to climb over the fire escapes, but the heat and flames compelled them to abandon their hose. Through the smoke and flame Rose saw the form of an old man reaching out through the window on the top floor. He told the man not to jump, and while the man was groping for air at the window sill Rose worked himself as close as he could to the spot where the old man was, getting him out of the window and on to a ladder under the most trying conditions.

Some firemen thought the lodger never had a chance for his life and that Rose would sacrifice his own if he persisted in trying to rescue him, but Rose would not listen to them, working where the flames raged until he had assisted the old man to safety.

It is now possible that the name of Rose will be added to the Roll of Merit of the department. Fire Commissioner Cole is going to look into the matter now.

Rose has been a fireman since Feb 15, 1907, and has served at Engine 36, Charlestown; Chemical 1, Shawmur av; Engine 42, Egleston Square, and Engine 22, Warren av, to which he was assigned Sept 16, 1912.

He is a South End boy and during the Spanish War served in Cuba with the 9th Regiment. When the insurrection began in the Philippines he joined the 23d United States Regulars and was 1st sergeant when he returned to this country. He participated in 14 engagements in the Moro country and was wounded April 9, 1903. Rose was the youngest sergeant in the regiment.

The Grand Jury also commended Capt Coulter and the men of Ladder Trucks 3 and 12 for the work they did in recovering the bodies of the fire victims.

It is the first time in many years that anybody ever publicly praised members of the department for work well done, and because of this the members of the force felt unusually proud yesterday.