In Line of Duty — Box 1671

Firefighter Francis Murphy

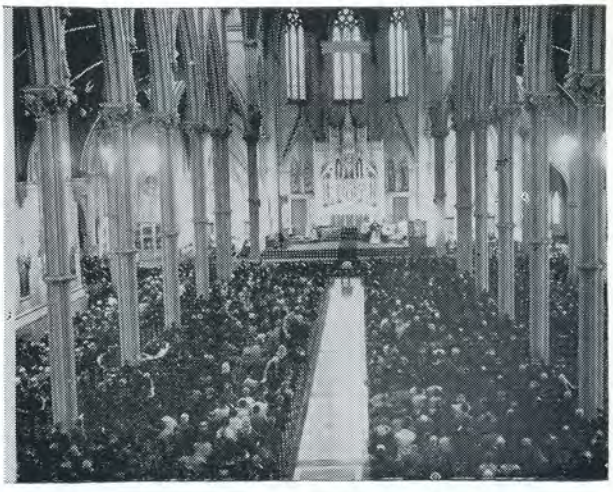
Appointed — April 3, 1957

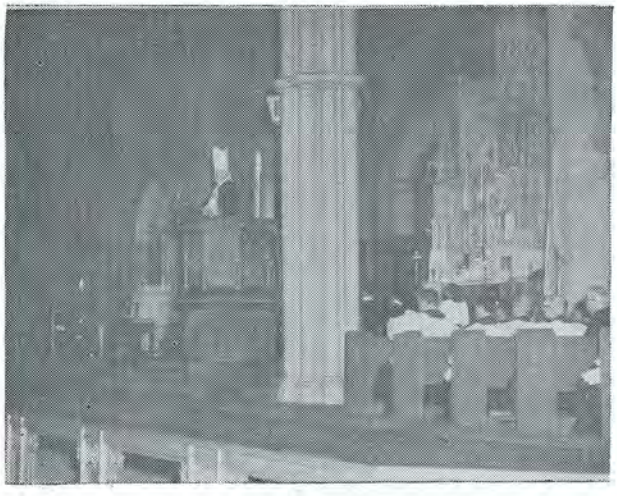
Died — October 1, 1964

Assigned to Engine Company Twenty-four

6 Years of Service — 42 Years of Age

Survived by his widowed mother, Margaret, and two married sisters





In Line of Duty — Box 1671

Firefighter James B. Sheedy

Appointed — July 16, 1958

Died — October 1, 1964

Assigned to Ladder Company Four

Six Years of Service — 38 Years of Age

Survived by his widow, Mary and 3 children

Michael, 11 years; James, 9 and Marie, 4 years of age

we must wait with them until we receive an official report.

The morning dawns and our tour is drawing to a close but, before it is ended we know the tragic results. Five firefighters along with a dedicated 'spark' are lifeless, they have indeed answered their last alarm. To many of us these members were more than names or voices with whom we became familiar throughout the years. We not only worked with them as members of the same department but some of us knew them socially and had the pleasure of working with them on committees in our Local Union. We have deep sympathy for the families that they leave behind. We feel for our brother members who have lost them from their ranks. We shall ever be reminded when we no longer hear the familiar voices calling us. When we strike the signal (10) 15 we have in the past felt sorrow for some active or former member of the department who has past along but, we shall never forget signal (10) 15 struck on the morning of October 1, 1964. It was then we bid farewell to a valiant and heroic group of firefighters who enobled their calling, they gave their lives to further the cause of the firefighter, his family and their dedicated calling of service to the citizens of our City.

We of the Fire Alarm Office are proud to be members of a team that has no equal as a Fire Department. We are honored to serve our brother members and greatly grieve, as do you, in the loss of our brother members. This was a tour of duty at Fire Alarm that was indeed, different. One that we earnestly hope and sincerely pray that may never occur again.

Edward O'Connell, F.A.O.

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Lawrence, Mass.
Lowell, Mass.
Lynn, Mass.
Lexington, Mass.
Logan Airport Crash Firefighters
Milton, Mass.
Methuen, Mass.
Melrose, Mass.
Marshfield, Mass.
Medfield, Mass.
Manchester, New Hampshire
Montreal, Canada
Malden, Mass.
Medford, Mass.
New Bedford, Mass.
Newton, Mass.
Nashua, New Hampshire
Needham, Mass.
Nahant, Mass.
New York Firefighters Local #94
New York Officers Local #854
New York City Holy Name Society Officers and Chaplain
Norwood Fire Dept., Mass.
New England Fire Chiefs Assoc.
New Britain, Connecticut
Nowell, Mass.
Providence, Rhode Island
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Portland Maine
Pittsfield, Mass.
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Peabody, Mass.
Quincy, Mass.
Quebec Province Fire Dept., Canada
Revere, Mass.
Reading, Mass.
Rhode Island State Firefighters Association
Randolph, Mass.
Salem, Mass.
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Somerville, Mass.
Scituate, Mass.
Somerset, Mass.
Stoneham, Mass.
South Portland, Maine
Springfield, Mass.
Swampscott, Mass.
Toronto, Canada
Tewksbury, Mass.
Tapper Club, Boston
Taunton, Mass.
Uniform Firefighters of Connecticut
Woburn, Mass.
Westwood, Mass.
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Watertown Arsenal, Mass.
Wayland, Mass.
Winthrop, Mass.
Winchester, Mass.
Worcester, Mass.
Woonsocket, Rhode Island
Watertown, Mass.
Willimantic, Connecticut
Wakefield, Mass.
Wilmington, Mass.
Wellesley, Mass.

Our thanks also to the many Chiefs, Officers, and Firefighters who, due to reasons beyond our control, were not able to sign the list of "Honorary Pallbearers" at the start of the formation in the rear of the Holy Cross Cathedral.

There were approximately 1,235 out of Town Chiefs, Officers, and Firefighters.

CITY OF BOSTON
FIRE DEPARTMENT
115 SOUTHAMPTON STREET
BOSTON 18, MASS.

October 14, 1964

John I. Carlson, Captain Commanding
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts
The Armory
Faneuil Hall
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Dear Captain Carlson:

The following is a portion of a report I received regarding the tribute accorded Lieutenants John McCorkle and John Geswell and Fire Fighters Francis L. Murphy, James B. Sheedy, and Robert J. Clougherty by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company on their arrival in Stockholm, Sweden on their round-the-world trip:

"An eight o'clock Mass at St. Eugenia's Church in Stockholm was celebrated by the Rev. Lawrence S. Brock, S.J., Catholic Chaplain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in memory of the five fire fighters who were killed in Boston on October 1, 1964. The sermon was given by the Rev. George Flaherty, S.J., a former Ancient who is now stationed in Greenland with the U. S. Air Force.

"Following the Catholic services, Protestant services were conducted at St. Klara's Lutheran Church by the Rev. Francis Bauer, Protestant Chaplain, Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

"The delegation to both services was led by Captain John I. Carlson, Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, and his staff, all of whom were attired in uniform."

We lost five brave, self-sacrificing men, men whose loss we could ill afford. In the name of all the members of the Department and the families of our fallen brothers, thank you for your kindness, sympathy, and, most of all, your prayers.

Very sincerely yours,
THOMAS J. GRIFFIN
Fire Commissioner

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October 14, 1964

James Hallet, Captain
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts
The Armory
Faneuil Hall
Boston, Massachusetts 02109
Dear Captain Hallet:

It is my understanding that the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company learned of the tragedy involving our five men when you called your home following your arrival in Stockholm.

From your past kindnesses to us, we have always considered you a true friend of the Boston Fire Department; and now I have been told that we have you to thank for initiating the memorial services for our heroic men at St. Eugenia's Catholic Church and St. Klara's Lutheran Church in Stockholm.

Your thoughtfulness, sympathy, and generosity is appreciated more than I can say.

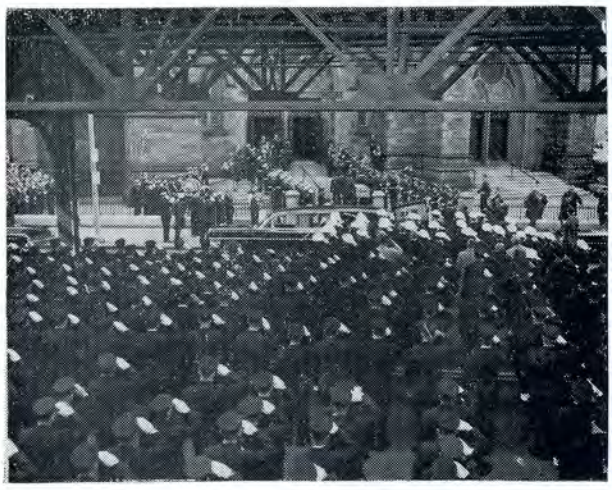
Very sincerely yours,
THOMAS J. GRIFFIN
Fire Commissioner

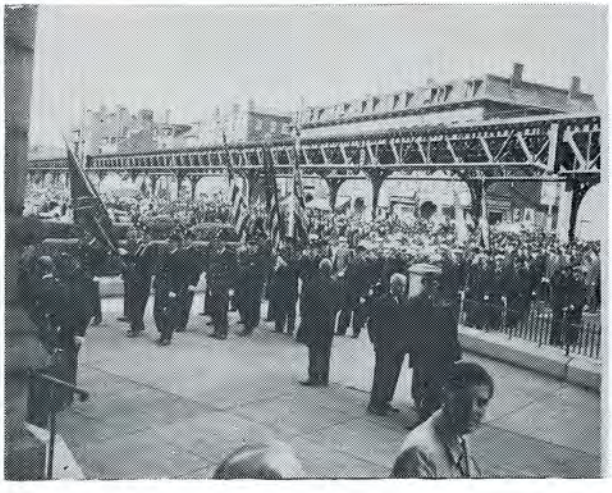
In Line of Duty — Box 1671

Firefighter Robert J. Clougherty

Appointed — January 18, 1961
Died — October 1, 1964
Assigned to Engine Company Three
3 Years of Service — 31 Years of Age

Survived by his widow, Barbara, and 2 children
Robert, Jr., 3 years of age and 2-year old Denise





All Honor Unto Gallantry
In Reverence We Pay...
That Others Might Have Days to be
These Gave Their Lives Away
Now Glory Shall Enshrine Each Name
And Time Their Deeds Defy...
Those Humble Men Who Sought No Fame
Have Taught Us How to Die.

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SURVIVORS SEND THANKS . . .

President of Local 718 Martin E. Pierce has been requested to forward the following to the Digest Editor:

Due to the tremendous volume of spiritual bouquets and other expressions of sympathy which have been received, many of which came from various sections of the Nation, it is physically impossible to pen personal notes of thanks. However, through the medium of the Digest, we wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Barbara Clougherty
Mrs. Mary Geswell
Mrs. Mary McCorkle
Mrs. Margaret Murphy
Mrs. Mary Sheedy

In Appreciation

The Executive Board of Local #718 takes this opportunity to express our appreciation and sincere thanks to all those individuals and groups who were so helpful during the difficult period following the deaths of five of our brothers at Box 1671.

We are especially grateful to Cardinal Cushing who officiated at the Mass and presented such a stirring Eulogy to our departed brothers, his presence there was a great source of comfort to the bereaved.

We are grateful to Fire Commissioner Griffin for allowing Local #718 to manage the program and the funeral arrangements and thankful for his complete cooperation.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the many other groups who were so understanding in this our hour of loss, to the firefighter groups from all over the United States and Canada, the State and City officials, to the Funeral Directors for their fullest cooperation and especially to our old and good friend Eddie O'Brien of the O'Brien Funeral Home in South Boston for his many kindnesses in times such as these, to the Trustees of the Blue Hills Cemetary for their thoughtfulness, to the Officers of the Firemen's Relief Fund, the Directors of the Death and Welfare Fund and finally to the Chief Officers, Officers and members of Department and Local 718 for such an outpouring of respect in honoring our departed brothers.

It would be impossible to thank these individuals or even these groups in separate messages, therefor may we the members of the Executive Board of Local 718 again extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation for all this collective consideration.

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge and express my sincere appreciation to the Department Photographers, Bill Keefe, John Kelly, John O'Neil and George Murphy for their photos and to Thomas Getherall, Hospital Representative and Bob Brady of Lad. 4 for their kind assistance in producing this Memorial Edition of the Digest.

Charles E. Bagley, Editor