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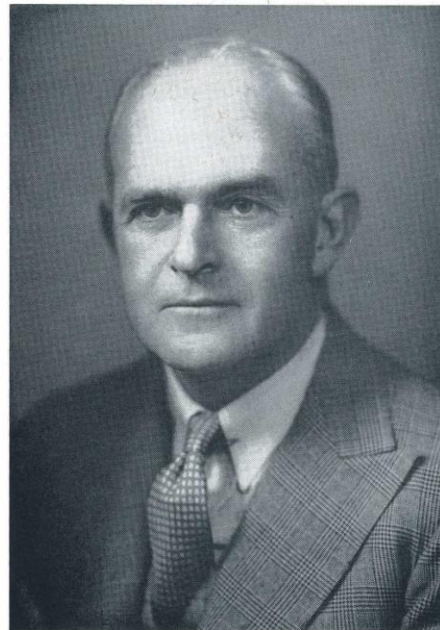
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Boston Garden

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



JAMES M. CURLEY
Mayor of Boston



RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.
Fire Commissioner



JOHN F. McDONOUGH
Chief of Department



CAPTAIN JOHN J. CLOUGHERTY
Floor Marshal

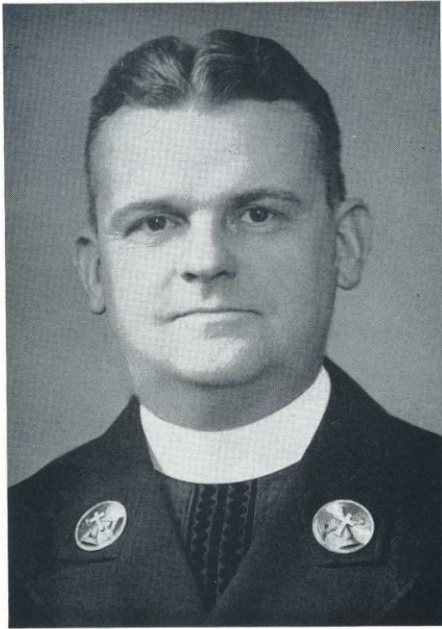
Assistant Floor Marshals



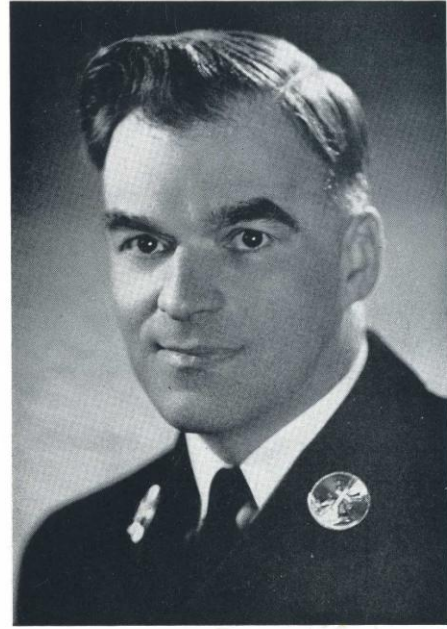
LIEUTENANT JOHN F. H. FOX



DISTRICT CHIEF WILLIAM T. HOGAN



REV. HENRY J. O'CONNELL
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department



REV. HOWARD E. POMEROY
Chaplain, Boston Fire Department

Program

- 8:00 P.M. Concert
- 8:30 P.M. Floor Show — Bob Hardy, Master of Ceremonies
- 9:00 P.M. Entrance of Officers and Guests escorted by the
Boston Fire Dept. Band
- 9:15 P.M. Awarding of "Medals" for valor by Fire Commissioner
Russell S. Codman, Jr.
Demonstration of new apparatus
Deputy Chief Franklin B. Sanborn, Master of
Ceremonies
- 9:40 P.M. Floor Show
- 10:00 P.M. Grand March

Piano used for this occasion furnished by courtesy of
Chickering & Sons, 144 Boylston Street, Boston

Dance Order

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| 1. <i>Fox Trot</i> | 9. <i>Fox Trot</i> |
| 2. <i>Fox Trot</i> | 10. <i>Waltz</i> |
| 3. <i>Fox Trot</i> | 11. <i>Fox Trot</i> |
| 4. <i>Waltz</i> | 12. <i>Fox Trot</i> |
| 5. <i>Fox Trot</i> | 13. <i>Fox Trot</i> |
| 6. <i>Fox Trot</i> | 14. <i>Waltz</i> |
| 7. <i>Fox Trot</i> | 15. <i>Fox Trot</i> |
| 8. <i>Waltz</i> | 16. <i>Fox Trot</i> |

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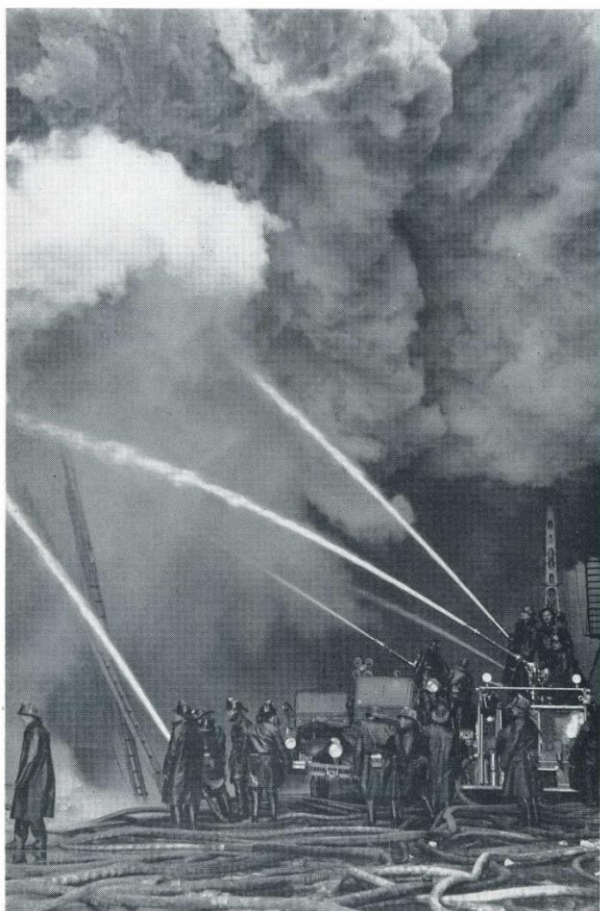


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THE FOLLOWING VERSE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE MEN
WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY

*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 —
Since humble men who sought no fame
Have taught us how to die.*

DEATHS OF ACTIVE MEMBERS DURING 1948

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Company</i>
Jan. 9	DANIEL R. A. MILLIKEN	Steamfitter	Maint. Div.
Jan. 25	JOHN F. NUGENT	M. O. P.	Engine Co. 26
Feb. 29	JAMES W. RYAN	Motor App. Engineer	Maint. Div.
Mar. 12	HENRY J. EGAN	Bookkeeper	Headquarters
Apr. 21	GEORGE P. STEWART	Ladderman	Ladder Co. 33
May 6	WILLIAM J. BUCKLEY	Ladderman	Ladder Co. 3
July 31	FREDERICK J. WALSH	Hoseman	Engine Co. 30
Aug. 17	GEORGE E. GROOMES	Hoseman	Engine Co. 45
Sept. 7	VALENTINE B. NOLAN	App. Oper.	Fire Prev. Div.
Sept. 27	CHARLES E. CROSS	Hoseman	Fire Prev. Div.
Oct. 11	GEORGE A. JONES	Hoseman	Fire Prev. Div.
Oct. 13	EDMUND J. SHARP	Hoseman	Engine Co. 32
Dec. 25	THOMAS J. MCCARTHY	Hoseman	Engine Co. 54
Dec. 26	FRANCIS X. WHITE	Hoseman	Engine Co. 18

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

by

FIRE COMMISSIONER RUSSELL S. CODMAN, JR.

The Board of Merit has brought to the attention of the Fire Commissioner the following outstanding cases in which members of this department have especially distinguished themselves for valor in the performance of their duty.

The Commissioner, therefore, makes the following awards:

"John E. Fitzgerald Medal"

LADDERMAN WILLIAM W. AUSTIN of Ladder Co. 26

At approximately 11:30 A.M., Saturday, September 4, 1948, Ladderman William W. Austin of Ladder Co. 26, while off duty, and walking along the Charles River bank in Brighton, at a point opposite Brook Street, was startled to hear a young girl cry out, "Mister, Mister, hurry, hurry, or she will drown." Ladderman Austin ran to a boat-landing nearby on which several small children were excitedly screaming. He was shocked to see a small girl struggling in the water about ten feet from the boatlanding. Ladderman Austin immediately jumped into the river, lunged forward, grasped the little girl, and struggled back to the pier. The water at this point is about ten to twelve feet deep and Ladderman Austin cannot swim.

This was a most heroic act, reflecting great credit upon the Boston Fire Department. Ladderman Austin, although unable to swim, jumped into the river, with complete disregard for his own life, and saved this little girl from drowning. He was commended by the Fire Commissioner in General Orders No. 53, series of 1948.

The Board of Merit, consisting of the Chief of Department, and the Deputy Chiefs, is pleased to recommend that Ladderman William W. Austin be awarded the "John E. Fitzgerald Medal."

"Walter Scott Medal"

HOSEMAN EDWARD A. CODAIR of Engine Co. 22

At 12:53 P.M., March 23, 1948, the department responded to an alarm from Box 1324, three alarms, for a fire in the Crawford House, 17-19 Scollay Square, Boston. Hoseman Codair was acting as Aide to the Deputy Chief and was instructed by the Deputy to enter the building in order to ascertain the extent of the fire. During his investigation, on the fourth floor, while opening windows for the purpose of ventilation, he saw the body of an unconscious man slumped on the floor between a bed and the window. The room was heavily charged with smoke. He immediately reached down, and with great effort, placed this unconscious man on his back, and proceeded from the room to the hallway and down the stairs to the street. Hoseman Codair encountered considerable smoke, gases, and heat, but tenaciously held the unconscious man on his back, and made his way to the street. He distinguished himself with valor in rescuing this man, thereby, reflecting great credit upon the Boston Fire Department. He undoubtedly saved the victim's life and was highly commended in General Orders No. 26, series of 1948, by the Fire Commissioner.

The Board of Merit, consisting of the Chief of Department, and the Deputy Chiefs, is pleased to recommend the awarding of the "Walter Scott Medal" to Hoseman Edward A. Codair of Engine Co. 22.

DO YOU USE A

Portable Oil Burner?

If you use a portable oil burner for space heating, you have in your home a lethal weapon. For many weeks past every edition of our daily papers has told of tragedy, suffering, and destruction in hundreds of homes throughout this section of the country. The cause? Portable space heaters in most instances.

With care in the use and handling of such heaters, they can be fairly safe, but they are still lethal weapons! For your own safety, the safety of your loved ones, and the safety of your neighbors, won't you please observe these simple rules?

1. Extinguish the flame before you refill the bowl.
2. Do not fill it to full capacity.
3. Never move it from place to place while it is burning.
4. Be sure it is a safe distance from combustible material.
5. Keep it clean.
6. Never place it in the normal paths of travel from room to room.
7. Have no "horse play" where one is in operation.
8. Never forget that fuel oil is a very inflammable liquid.
9. Remember that to be safe you must be CAREFUL!

EDWARD N. MONTGOMERY,

Deputy Chief-in-Charge, Fire Prevention Division.

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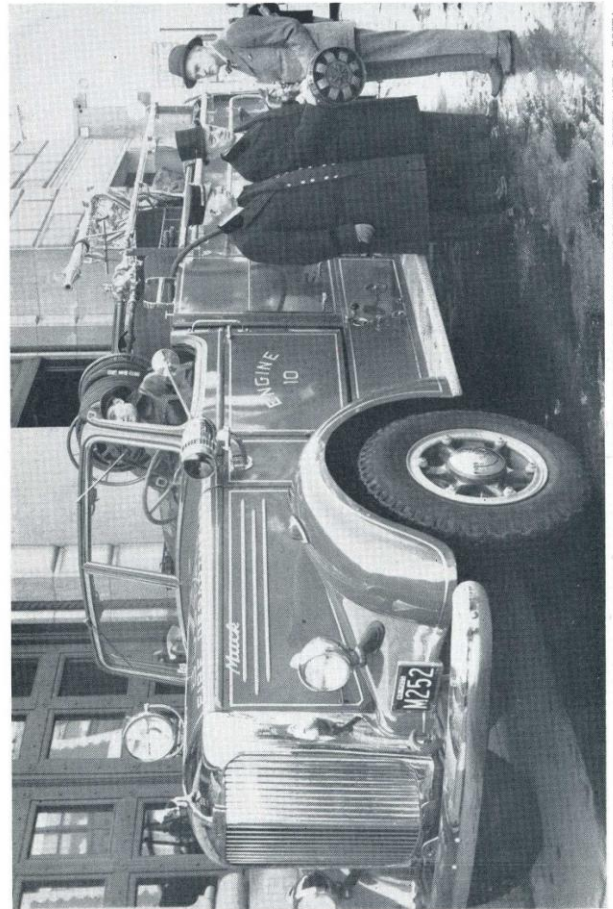


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— OUR THANKS —

On this, the 70th Anniversary of our Annual Ball, may we take this opportunity to thank all who have aided us in any way toward making this Ball a success.

The benevolence of the people of the City of Boston has been shown time and again over the past years, for without such aid this organization, The Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, would be non-existent.

It is self-evident, that the faith of the people of Boston in their Fire Department and the men to whom the responsibility of keeping that department foremost and at an efficient peak ever ready at all hours day or night for the protection of life and property, has been well established.

Many of the former citizens and firemen who were the originators of and gave this fund its necessary impetus to make it the solid foundation of charity that it now occupies have passed onto their eternal reward. We pray in common, that they be numbered among the just and that their deeds will not go unheralded.

To their successors, we say "Yours is a solemn obligation." The duties of a fireman, at all times, is the saving of life and the protection of property. Firemen gladly risk their lives in performing this duty owing to, two most important factors. First, the divine revelation that "Greater love has no man than he who gives up his life for another," and secondly, that if he loses his life or becomes disabled in performing this duty, a grateful public, through appeals for donations and the annual purchasing of Ball Tickets, guarantees that his family will not be in want or go without the essentials which make up the American way of living, that they may be proud that their loved one paid the supreme sacrifice that others may live.

LIEUT. FRED J. DOBBRATZ,
President