



OFFICE OF THE  
**Fire Commissioner,**  
BRISTOL STREET.

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Boston, October 13, 1925.

**GENERAL ORDER No. 48.**

I. MERITORIOUS ACTS — 1923.

The Board of Merit for 1923 has submitted the following report and recommendations to the Fire Commissioner. This Board comprised

Deputy Chief FRANK A. SWEENEY . . . . .	Division 2.
Deputy Chief HENRY POWER . . . . .	Division 1.
Captain CHARLES T. FARREN . . . . .	Ladder 4.
Lieutenant JOSEPH T. HUMPHREY . . . . .	Engine 26-35.
Ladderman DENNIS F. DALY . . . . .	Ladder 7.

The medals recommended were awarded at the Fire Commissioner's office on October 13, 1925.

2. On November 9, 1923, Hoseman James H. Curran of Engine Company 8 and Hoseman Daniel F. O'Connell of Engine Company 47 were opposite No. 329 Sumner street, East Boston, when their attention was drawn to the sound of pistol shots which came from the middle of the street opposite No. 306, and were caused by Carmen A. Pistura, who was attempting to take the life of his wife Pasqualina Pistura. Hoseman Curran ran to the scene immediately followed by Hoseman O'Connell. Hoseman Curran grabbed the man before he was able to do any more shooting and, with Hoseman O'Connell, brought him to the sidewalk and then to the police station. Several letters of commendation were received by the Fire Commissioner, including one from the Police Commissioner and one from the captain of Police Division 7, praising these men for the heroism displayed outside their particular line of duty.

For this act of valor Hoseman James H. Curran of Engine Company 8 is awarded the Walter Scott Medal for 1923, and Hoseman Daniel F. O'Connell is given Special Commendation.