

2. Case of Hoseman Arthur I. Bourdo et al., Box 3514, 4:13 P. M., March 13, 1943, 82 Maxwell Street, Dorchester.

At 4:13 P. M., March 13, 1943, the department responded to an alarm from Box 3514 for a fire in the dwelling house at 82 Maxwell Street, Dorchester. Upon arrival of the apparatus it was found that a woman and her five children were trapped in the building.

Hoseman Arthur I. Bourdo of Engine Company 52 ran a Chemical line into the front hall of the building and operated upon the fire which had extended from the kitchen into the hallway. While working in a prone position he heard a faint cry from the kitchen. He dropped the pipe and crawled about twelve feet into the kitchen where he found an infant in a flaming baby carriage. The baby had been burned and Hoseman Bourdo received burns on the face, ears and hands in taking the infant from the carriage and bringing him into the hallway where he gave the child to Lieutenant Michael J. Egan of Ladder Company 29. Hoseman Bourdo then resumed operation of the chemical line and his work allowed a search to be made of the upper floors.

4. Because of his quick action and the great personal risk to which he exposed himself during this rescue work, the Board recommends that the name of Hoseman Arthur I. Bourdo of Engine Company 52, be placed on the Roll of Merit.