

I. BOARD OF MERIT.

1. The Board of Merit of the Boston Fire Department, consisting of the Chief of Department and Deputy Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it for the year 1946. After careful consideration and study, the Board submitted the following recommendations which are hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:

2. Case of Hoseman Thomas J. McGrath of Engine Co. 14, Box 2251, 9:56 A.M., December 20, 1946.

At 9:56 A. M., December 20, 1946, the Department responded to Box 2251 for a fire in a dwelling at 2495 Washington Street, Roxbury.

Upon arrival, Hoseman Thomas J. McGrath was informed by a letter carrier that there was a woman and two children in the apartment on fire on the fourth floor of the building. Hoseman McGrath went over the stairway and into the apartment on his hands and knees and heard a woman groaning. He took her out unconscious and passed her to Hoseman Hoban of Engine Co. 12. He went into the room a second time and took out a child and passed her to Hoseman DeStefano of Engine Co. 14. He went into the room a third time and carried out the remaining child. The woman and the two children were revived and the two children were taken to the City Hospital.

Inasmuch as Hoseman McGrath took great risk and was subjected to intense heat and smoke in effecting the rescues, Hoseman McGrath was highly commended in General Orders No. 80, series of 1946.

Because of his quick action and great personal risk in performing these rescues, the Board recommends that Hoseman Thomas J. McGrath of Engine Co. 14 be awarded the "Walter Scott Medal."