

"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.