

## *"Walter Scott Medal"*

LIEUTENANT JOHN M. BURKE, Rescue Company 2



The department responded to an alarm from Box 3143, at 9:34 A.M., on January 17, 1950, for a fire in a three family dwelling at 28 Batchelder Street, Roxbury. Upon arrival of the apparatus, fire involved two rooms on the first floor and there was a heavy concentration of heat, smoke and gases throughout the building.

Upon being informed there was a child in a rear bedroom, Lieut. John M. Burke of Rescue Co. 2 entered the first floor apartment through a door leading into the kitchen which was afire. Under extreme conditions and at personal risk, Lieut. Burke passed through the kitchen to a bedroom leading off the kitchen in the rear. In spite of the presence of a heavy concentration of smoke and heat in the bedroom, he made a search and found a child on the floor beside the bed. Lieut. Burke then carried the child out

through the rear exit where first aid was given and the child was taken to a hospital. Because of the prompt action and great personal risk to which Lieut. Burke exposed himself, the child was undoubtedly saved from serious injury or death.