

## *"John E. Fitzgerald Medal"*

LIEUTENANT JOHN C. REARDON, Rescue Company 3



Fire Alarm Box 1341 was sounded at 12:59 A.M. on December 9, 1950, for a fire in a dwelling at 47 Lynde Street, West End section of Boston.

Upon arrival of the apparatus at the scene, fire was issuing from two attic windows of the 3½ story dwelling house. The members stretched lines, raised ladders, and assisted occupants to the street. Lieut. Reardon and Hoseman Desmond, upon being informed that the occupant of an attic room was still inside, entered the building. They made three attempts before they reached the attic room. Lieut. Reardon entered the room and in a far corner, found the occupant, an aged man, unconscious and badly burned. Under the most difficult conditions, the Lieut. removed the unconscious victim to the stairway where Hoseman Desmond assisted in carrying him down the narrow stairway to the street. This rescue was carried

out under extreme heat, fire and smoke conditions. In performing this meritorious act, Lieut. Reardon was overcome by heat and smoke to the extent that it was necessary to administer oxygen to him.