

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 54.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JULY 2, 1915.

I. REGULATIONS FOR FOURTH
OF JULY PERIOD.

1. Owing to the increased number of alarms from 8 P. M. July 4th to 12 P. M. July 5th, chiefs' telegraphers will omit telegraphing the location of fires or any unimportant matter, in order that the lines may be kept free from all needless interference. Where feasible extended reports should be made by telephone.
2. Between 8 P. M., July 4th and 12 P. M. July 5th, in cases where the special running cards do not provide sufficient apparatus, and the district chief requires the full complement of the regular assignment, instead of giving a second alarm, he will telegraph to the fire alarm office for the necessary assignment of apparatus.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 55.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JULY 7, 1915.

I. JOSEPH H. SULLIVAN.

1. The Fire Commissioner regrets to announce the death, on July 3, 1915, of Hoseman Joseph H. Sullivan of Engine Co. 12.
2. Hoseman Sullivan joined this department on August 29, 1913.
3. The funeral was held from his late residence, 761 Norfolk street, at 9 A. M., Tuesday, July 6th; services at St. Angelus Church, Blue Hill avenue.
4. This department was represented at the funeral by the usual detail of sixteen men, under command of District Chief Walter M. McLeah. Engine Co. 12 was excused from duty.

II. Fire Alarm Box
Discontinued.

1. Fire alarm box No. 552, formerly located at Fairview and South streets, has been removed from service and discontinued.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 57.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JULY 9, 1915.

I. BOILERS IN
DEPARTMENT HOUSES.

1. The State Inspector of Boilers has found several of the sectional boilers in department houses entirely choked with soot. The sections in all boilers in the department houses must be cleaned out at least once each week, for, with dirty boilers, it is impossible for the heat to get near the sections, and in consequence there is an excessive use and waste of coal.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 58.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JULY 12, 1915.

I. CHARLES H. W. POPE.

1. It is with deep regret that the Fire Commissioner has to announce the death of Junior Deputy Chief Charles H. W. Pope of Division No. 2, on Monday, July 12, 1915.
2. Chief Pope has served in the Boston Fire Department for over forty years. In addition to this service he was a call member in the Charlestown Fire Department previous to the annexation of Charlestown to Boston, he having the rank of a call captain at that time. He was made a permanent captain in this department on December 20, 1884, and was raised to the rank of district chief on May 3, 1890. On March 11, 1914, he was promoted to Junior Deputy Chief. Chief Pope's record in this department is marked for its length, faithfulness and efficiency, and by his death the department suffers the loss of a most energetic and valuable member.
- 3/ The funeral will be held from his late residence, 53 Warren street, Wednesday morning, July 15, 1915, at 8:30 o'clock; services at St. Joseph's Church, Circuit street, Roxbury, at 9 A. M.
4. The Chief of Department will detail thirty men, under command of Senior Deputy Chief John O. Taber, as a funeral escort. There shall be a special detail of pall-bearers, consisting of superior officers of the department.
5. Company commanders will allow the necessary time for those of their commands, who are on day off and wish to attend the funeral services, to leave quarters early enough to attend same.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 61.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, JULY 28, 1915.

I. DEPARTMENT DRILL SCHOOL.

1. The regular department drill school will commence Thursday, July 29, 1915, at 10 A. M., and will be in charge of Lieut. James Mahoney of Water Tower 2 as Drill Master. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.
2. Company Commanders will have the following men report to the Drill Master at the house of Water Tower 2, Bristol street, at 10 A. M., Thursday, July 29, and at such other times as the Drill Master may direct.

John D. McDonough,	Engine 44,
Joseph M. McCarthy,	Engine 25,
John P. Cormican,	Ladder 29,
William E. Devine,	Chemical 5,
Patrick F. Foley,	Engine 11,
William J. Kelley,	Ladder 29,
Walter Korman,	Ladder 18.

II. COMMENDATION.

1. Lieut. Thomas J. Flynn of Engine Co. 9 is hereby commended for responding to an alarm from box 649, July 8, 1915, while on a day off.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

I. THE JOHN E. FITZGERALD MEDAL.

1. Under the will of the late John E. Fitzgerald, one thousand dollars was deposited with the Treasurer of the city of Boston, with power to hold, invest and reinvest; the annual income of which to be paid to the Fire Commissioner for the purpose of buying a gold medal to be presented to the fireman who, in the judgment of the Fire Commissioner, has performed the most meritorious act, and whose conduct has called for special mention during the year.
2. On or about February 1st of each year, therefore, a gold medal, to be known as "The John E. Fitzgerald Medal" shall be awarded to the member of this department who, in the estimation and judgment of the Fire Commissioner, has performed the most meritorious act, and whose conduct has called for special mention during the preceding twelve months, ending January 1st of each year. All meritorious acts from this date to January 1st, 1916, only, shall be considered as of the year 1915. The medal shall be awarded only when meritorious acts have been performed which, in the opinion of the Fire Commissioner, are worthy of the reward.
3. Meritorious acts and conduct worthy of special mention shall be reported to the Fire Commissioner in a special communication, by the immediate superior of the member of the department who has performed the meritorious act and whose conduct calls for special mention, within five days of the performance of the act. The communication shall state all facts and circumstances connected with the case, and such recommendations as the reporting officer may wish to make. Said communications will then be referred to the Board of Merit, consisting of superior officers of this department appointed by the Fire Commissioner, who shall investigate each case and make recommendations on the facts as found. The recommendations, with all papers, will then be submitted to the Fire Commissioner, who reserves the right to accept or reject the recommendations of the Board of Merit, and from whose decision there is no appeal. All reports of meritorious acts shall be forwarded to the Fire Commissioner through official channels.
4. The Board of Merit shall be composed of the following officers:

Chief of Department Peter F. McDonough, chairman,
Senior Deputy Chief John O. Taber,
District Chief Peter E. Walsh,

who shall hold office on the Board until the appointment of their successors. Meetings of the Board will be held at the call of the chairman.
5. The Honorable John E. Fitzgerald, donor of the medal, was born in the town of Dingle, county Kerry, Ireland, on November 13, 1844. He served terms in the School Committee and Board of Aldermen of this city, and the House of Representatives, and was appointed a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners in May, 1879, by Mayor Frederick O. Prince. He resigned in August, 1886, to become Internal Revenue Collector. He died March 3, 1900.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 63.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, AUGUST 3, 1915.

I. PROMOTIONS.

1. The following promotions are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Tuesday, August 3, 1915:

District Chief Daniel F. Sennott of District No. 8 to Junior Deputy Chief;
Captain Allan J. Macdonald of Ladder 18 to District Chief;
Lieutenant Fred I. Adams of Ladder 15 to Captain.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Tuesday, August 3, 1915:

Deputy Chief Daniel F. Sennott	From District 8 to 2nd Division,
Dist. Chief William J. Gaffey	From District 2 to District 8,
Dist. Chief Allan J. Macdonald	From Ladder 18 to District 2,
Captain DeWitt Lane	From Engine 32 to Ladder 18,
Captain Fred I. Adams	From Ladder 15 to Engine 32.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

I. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer, which took effect at 10 A. M., Friday, August 6, 1915, is hereby announced:

Lieut. Chauncey R. Delano From Engine 45 to Ladder 15.

II. RETIREMENT.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, August 13, 1915:

Hoseman William J. Dower of Chemical 3.

III. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

1. The following new fire alarm boxes will shortly be established:

Box 1593: Belvidere and Dalton streets, connected into circuit No. 51. Assignment will be the same as box 1592.
Box 2176: Blue Hill avenue and Seaver street, connected into circuit No. 31. Assignments will be the same as for box 373.
Box 2182: Humboldt avenue and Seaver street, connected into circuit No. 54. Assignments will be the same as for box 279.
b. 54. Box 3115: Massachusetts avenue and Gerard street, connected into circuit No. 54. Assignments will be the same as for box 313.
in answer Aug 25 Box 3236: Stoughton and Sumner streets, connected into circuit No. 49. Assignments will be the same as for box 197.
Box 3137: Burrell and Clifton streets, connected into circuit No. 37. Assignments will be the same as for box 3143.
Box 3237: Pleasant and Thornley streets, connected into circuit No. 49. Assignments will be the same as for box 197. (Auxiliarized to Edward Everett School).
Box 3241: Dorchester avenue and Victoria street, connected into circuit No. 49. Assignments will be the same as for box 192.
Box 3452: Train street, opposite Daly Industrial School, connected into circuit No. 39. Assignment will be the same as for box 949.
Box 1671: Formerly located on the house of Chemical 4, Shawmut avenue has been moved to Shawmut avenue and Brookline street, and established on a lamp-post.

IV. COMMENDATION.

1. Engineer Frank W. Sweeney of Engine Co. 5 is hereby commended for responding to and working at a still alarm of fire at 120 Moore street, August 4, 1915, while on a day off.

V. INVITATION.

1. The following letter is published for the information of the department:-

BOSTON NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL COMPANY,
101 TREMONT STREET,
BOSTON, MASS.

August 10th, 1915.

John Grady, Esq.,
Commissioner of the Fire Department,
Bristol Street, Boston, Mass.

My dear Commissioner:

President James E. Gaffney of the Braves directs me to write you stating that he will be pleased to have as his guests at the opening games at Braves' Field, on Wednesday, August 18th, all members of your department who are having the day off or who can get away otherwise. Presentation of their badge at the Pass gate will be sufficient for admission to the grandstand section.

Trusting that many members of your department will be able to be present, I am,

(signed) Very truly yours,
Walker E. Hapgood,
Business Manager.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:-

John O. Taber,
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 66

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, AUGUST 16, 1915.

I. TIMOTHY J. CROWLEY.

1. The Fire Commissioner regrets to announce the death, on August 16th, 1915, of Hoseman Timothy J. Crowley of Engine Co. 10.
2. The funeral will be held from his late residence, No. 56 Dorset street, Dorchester, Wednesday morning, August 18, 1915, at 8:30 o'clock, services at St. Margaret's Church, Columbia road, at 9 A. M.
3. The Chief of Department will detail sixteen men, under command of District Chief Edward J. Shallow, as a funeral escort. Engine Co. 10 will be excused from duty.

II. OIL CANS.

1. Company Commanders having charge of motor apparatus will see that the five and ten gallon cans, in which oil is delivered monthly, are returned regularly to the Repair Shop. These cans are valued at sixty cents each, and there are over a hundred which have not been returned. Company commanders holding any of these empty cans at the present time will return same to Headquarters.

III. COMMENDATION.

1. Joseph F. Prophet of the Fire Alarm Branch is hereby commended for the meritorious manner in which he stopped a pair of run-away horses on August 11, 1915, while responding to an alarm from box 3716, with Chemical 14. Mr. Prophet jumped from the rear step of the chemical while the same was proceeding along River street, Hyde Park, and stopped the horses which were attached to a team belonging to the Hathaway Baking Co.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

John O. Taber,
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 69.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, AUGUST 27, 1915.

I. RETIREMENT.

1. The following retirement, which took effect at 10 A. M. August 24, 1915, is hereby announced:

Ladderman Carl P. Franks of Ladder Co. 21.

II. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., this date:

Capt. James J. Caine of Engine Co. 38/39 to be Acting District Chief of Fire District No. 3 during the absence of the District Chief.

III. COMMENDATION.

1. Ladderman Michael P. Dempsey of Ladder Co. 4 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 231, August 24th, 1915, while on a day off.

IV. BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.
ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

1. The attention of the members of the department is called to Article 5 of the by-laws of the Corporation of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

V. FIRE ALARM BOXES DISCONTINUED.

1. The following fire alarm boxes have been removed from service:

Box 197: Formerly located at Pleasant and Stoughton streets;
" 2187: Formerly located at Edward Everett School.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

I. PROMOTIONS.

1. The following promotions are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Wednesday, September 1, 1915:
Capt. Joseph A. Dolan of Ladder Co. 17 to be district chief;
Lieut. William F. Field of Engine Co. 3 to be captain.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Wednesday, September 1, 1915:
District Chief Walter M. McLean, From District 15 to District 10;
District Chief Joseph A. Dolan, From Ladder Co. 17 to District 15;
Capt. John F. Watson From Engine 28 to Ladder 17;
Capt. William F. Field From Engine 3 to Engine 28.

III. RETIREMENT.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Wednesday, September 1, 1915:
District Chief John W. Murphy of District 10.
2. Chief Murphy was appointed to the Fire Department on January 12, 1888. He was promoted to lieutenant, December 22, 1895; to captain, October 25, 1902, and to district chief, September 5, 1910.

IV. CORRECTION IN GENERAL ORDERS.

1. So much of section 1, paragraph V, General Orders No. 69, c. s., relating to fire alarm box number 2197 is hereby corrected to read box number 2187.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

John O. Taber,
Acting Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 72.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 15, 1915.

I. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, September 17, 1915:

Joseph T. Smith	From Ladder 21 to Engine 5,
Michael E. Fallon	From Ladder 8 to Engine 48,
John J. Donohoe	From Ladder 13 to Engine 12,
James J. Callahan	From Engine 5 to Ladder 21,
William J. Linsky	From Engine 48 to Eng. 38/39,
Thomas J. Driscoll	From Eng. 38/39 to Ladder 8,
John J. Devine	From Engine 9 to Engine 12,
John J. Harrington	From Eng. 38/39 to Engine 9,
John H. Hoar	From Engine 17 to Eng. 26/35,
Francis P. Kennedy	From Engine 26/35 to Lad. 19.

II. COAL STATION, ENGINE 8.

1. The cannal coal station in Salem street, opposite Engine House No. 8, District 4, Division 1, has been abandoned, and a new station has been established in Charles River avenue adjoining Goodnow's Lumber Wharf, District 4, Division 1. The coal wagon of Engine 8 is at present located at the new station.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS,
BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

1. The following report of the election of members of the corporation of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund is hereby published for the information of the department:

Lieut. William Levis,	Engine 26/35,	585 votes,
Thomas D. Brown,	Ladder 3,	569 votes,
Michael F. Minehan,	Engine 16,	561 votes,
John F. Hardy,	Engine 25,	568 votes,
William McHorrow,	Protective 1,	49 votes.

IV. DONATION -
FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

1. The following is published for the information of the department:

FREDERICK H. SMITH
50 State Street,

Boston, Sept. 1, 1915.

Commissioner John Grady,
Bristol St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:- I wish to thank in behalf of the Commercial Wharf Company the officers and men who so efficiently extinguished the fire in the building numbered 34 Commercial wharf on August 31st, and as a slight token of our gratitude I have enclosed a check for \$100., which I wish you would add to the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Yours very truly,
(signed) Commercial Wharf Co.,
by Fred. H. Smith.

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman Joseph F. Lynch of Engine Co. 27 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, still alarm, at 27 School street, Charlestown, September 4, 1915, while on vacation.
2. Ladderman Timothy F. Donovan of Ladder Co. 10 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 527, September 9, 1915, while on vacation.
3. Hoseman Charles B. Lynch of Engine Co. 17 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 356, September 9, 1915, while on vacation.
4. Hoseman George F. Leary of Chemical Co. 5 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 3285, September 14, 1915, while on a day off.
5. Assistant Operator John H. Finnan of the Fire Alarm Branch is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 3285, September 14, 1915, while off duty.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 73.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 16, 1915.

I. PROMOTIONS.

1. The following promotions, which took effect at 10 A. M., Friday, September 10, 1915, are hereby announced:

Ladderman Daniel W. Baker of Ladder 8 to be lieutenant,
Ladderman William Peterson of Ladder 3 to be lieutenant,
Hoseman John E. Corea of Engine 12, to be lieutenant.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers, which took effect at 10 A. M., Friday, September 10, 1915, are hereby announced:

Lieut. William Peterson From Ladder 3 to Engine 3,
Lieut. John E. Corea From Engine 12 to Engine 37.

2. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, September 17, 1915:

Hoseman Arthur L. Johnson from Engine 25 to Engine 18,
Hoseman James F. Shea from Engine 18 to Engine 25.

III. RETIREMENTS.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, September 17, 1915:

Ladderman John E. Donoghue, Ladder Co. 19.

IV. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

1. The following new fire alarm boxes will shortly be established:

Box 442: Navy Yard, Central Telephone Office, connected into circuit No. 43. Assignments will be the same as for box 448;
Box 2426: Opposite No. 73 Paul Gore street, connected into circuit No. 35. Assignments will be the same as for box No. 501.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

I. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer, which took effect at 10 A. M., Friday, September 24, 1915, is hereby announced:

John F. Reynolds From Ladder 27 to Engine 19.

II. MOTOR APPARATUS.

1. The following motor apparatus has been installed in this department since January 1, 1915:

On February 1, 1915, Tower No. 3, equipped with an American and British tractor; weight, fully equipped, without men, 20,175 lbs.
On March 23, 1915, an American-LaFrance combination hose and chemical was placed in service with Engine Co. 46 replacing the Robinson motor hose wagon; weight, fully equipped, without men, 8,680 lbs.

On March 27, 1915, an engine equipped with a Christie tractor was placed in service with Engine 46, replacing an engine equipped with a Robinson tractor; weight, fully equipped, without men, 13,020 pounds.

On April 10, 1915, Tower 1, equipped with an American-British tractor, weight, fully equipped, without men, 21,000 pounds.

May 15, 1915, Engine 25, equipped with a Christie tractor, weight, fully equipped, without men, 16,000 pounds.

May 28, 1915, a Robinson combination hose and chemical was placed in service with Engine Co. 25; weight, fully equipped without men, 8,680 pounds.

May 21, 1915, Ladder 18, equipped with a Christie tractor, weight, fully equipped, without men, 17,025 pounds.

July 21, 1915, Ladder 13, equipped with a Christie tractor; weight, fully equipped, without men, 16,600 pounds.

July 27, 1915, Ladder 17, equipped with a Christie tractor; weight, fully equipped, without men, 17,100 pounds.

July 28, 1915, a city service truck with a Christie tractor was placed in service with Ladder 16; weight, fully equipped, without men, 12,050 pounds.

Sept. 20, 1915, a 75-foot aerial truck equipped with a Christie tractor was placed in service with Ladder Co. 12; weight, fully equipped, without men, 17,630 pounds.

III. BOSTON FIREMEN'S
RELIEF FUND.

1. The following is published for the information and guidance of the members of the department:

Hoseman John F. Hardy of Engine Co. 25 has been elected secretary of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

Hoseman Alexander Mitchell of Engine Co. 1 has been elected treasurer of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

All checks received from the treasurer of the Relief Fund should be cashed as soon as possible and the receipt for same signed and returned at once to the treasurer at Engine Co. 1.

IV. EMERGENCY CREWS,
BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY.

1. The following information and regulations concerning the shutting off of power by the Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby published. This is in addition to paragraph IV, General Orders No. 149, series 1913.

"A request from the Fire Department to any member of the Company's emergency crew, which responds to all fires in the vicinity of tracks or wires, or other uniformed employee, or after midnight to a station porter, shall receive immediate attention, the employee receiving such request notifying the Train Dispatcher and the latter arranging to have the power cut off and the affected section protected to prevent a train from bridging over onto the dead section.

"When assured that the power has been cut off, the Fire Department representative who made the request will be notified by the employee of whom he made the request.

"The same employee of the Company should be notified by the Fire Department at the earliest possible time when the power may again be turned on.

"Firemen are warned not to get on to the elevated structure or tracks, or place obstructions thereon, until properly assured that the third rail has been killed.

"If no employee of the Company is at hand upon whom to make request for killing the third rail, the Train Dispatcher of Rapid Transit Lines, Office at Sullivan Square, Telephone - "CHARLES-TOWN 1000", should be immediately called, and he will attend to having power cut off on third rail, and dispatching a competent employee to the scene, the said employee to notify Fire Department when rail is dead."

V. COMMENDATIONS.

1. The following letter, received by the Fire Commissioner, is hereby published for the information of the department:

DORCHESTER, MASS., Sept. 27, 1915.

Commissioner John Grady,
Boston Fire Department.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:-

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and commendation for the able and efficient manner in which your department controlled the fire at the corner of Homes avenue and Hamilton street, under the conditions which prevailed at the time.

I feel that the residents of Dorchester have no reason to fear any serious result from any fire which might arise at any time, place or hour, within our section of the city - Ward 20.

I also wish to commend you and your department for its responsive and excellent service.

(signed) Very respectfully yours,
James P. Landers.

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2. Hoseman Alexander F. Mitchell, of Engine Co. 1 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 1624, September 16, 1915, while on vacation.
3. Ladderman James J. Eagan of Ladder Co. 2 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire at 266 Paris street, box 642; September 17, 1915, while on day off.
4. Hoseman George E. Darragh of Engine Co. 32 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 2232, September 20, 1915, while on day off.
5. Ladderman John F. Fitzgerald of Ladder Co. 5 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 7221, he being on day off at the time.
6. Ladderman William J. Walsh of Ladder Co. 7 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 926, September 27, 1915, while on vacation.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 77.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, OCTOBER 14, 1915.

I. RETIREMENTS.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, October 15, 1915:

Lieut. John F. Mitchell, Ladder Co. 27.

Lieutenant Mitchell joined the department as a call man on October 27, 1882. He was made a permanent member June 17, 1885, and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on November 15, 1901.

2. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Saturday, October 16, 1915:

Ladderman James M. Elliott, Ladder Co. 6.

Ladderman Elliott joined the department as a call man on June 2, 1881, and was made a permanent member October 24, 1890.

II. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

1. The following new fire alarm boxes will shortly be established:

Box 714: N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. Freight shed No. 9, Fargo st. Connected into circuit No. 33. Assignments will be the same as for box 7121.

Box 7335: Walworth Mfg. Co. East First and O streets. Connected into circuit No. 1. Assignments will be the same as for box 7332.

III. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman Joseph A. Murray of Ladder Co. 12 is hereby commended for extinguishing a fire at No. 1113 Harrison avenue, September 28, 1915, while on vacation.

2. The members of Engine Co. 8 are hereby commended for their effective use of the life net at the fire at No. 38 Joiner street, box 422, at 1:35 A. M., October 12, 1915, whereby two men were rescued from the second and third floors, without injury.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 81.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT
BOSTON, OCTOBER 29, 1915

I. INSPECTIONS - FEED STORES.

1. In making inspections district chiefs will pay especial attention to any places where feed stores, or other stores carrying similar combustible matter, endanger factories or homes. If any such conditions are found they shall be reported to Headquarters with recommendations.

II. ACTING DISTRICT CHIEF.

1. Capt. Fitzgerald M. O'Lalor of Engine Co. 22 having been relieved, at his own request, from the duties of Acting District Chief of District No. 7, Capt. John N. Lally of Engine Co. 3 is hereby appointed Acting District Chief of District No. 7, during the absence of the District Chief.

III. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Capt. Michael J. Teehan of Engine Co. 24 and Hoseman John J. Kelly of the Repair Division are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 341, third alarm, October 12, 1915, while on day off.
2. The following letters are published for the information of the department:

Dorchester, October 14/15.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir:-

Just a word to compliment you on the way your Fire Department handled the fire on my property at the corner of Everton and Olney streets, Tuesday evening, October 12th.

They proved themselves capable of handling a fire of any kind. Am proud of them and the whole district is talking about the good work they did.

Respectfully yours,
(signed) Robert Hamilton.

MEETING HOUSE HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

Dorchester, Mass. Oct. 15, 1915.

Mr. John Grady,
Fire Commissioner,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

The residents of the Meeting House Hill District wish, at this time, to express their commendation and praise for the efficient and prompt work of the Fire Department, in handling the recent fires which occurred in the district.

The association is willing to give its hearty cooperation in ascertaining the causes of such fires, and in locating the blame of their origin.

Yours respectfully,
(signed) Edward H. Trainor,
Secretary.

IV. CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT OF FUEL WAGONS.

1. The following changes in assignment of fuel wagons are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Monday, November 1, 1915:

Boxes 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 628 and 630:

First alarm - E 40, Second alarm - E 9, Third alarm - E 5
Fourth alarm - E 8, Fifth alarm - E 6.

Boxes 627, 629, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 638, 649, 652, 683, and 684:

First alarm - E 9, Second alarm - E 40, Third alarm - E 5,
Fourth alarm - E 8, Fifth alarm - E 6.

Boxes 637, 639, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 647, 648, 651, 654, 655, 656, 657, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 667, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689:

First alarm - E 5, Second alarm - E 9, Third alarm - E 40,
Fourth alarm - E 8, Fifth alarm - E 6.

Boxes 1212, 1213, 1214, 1221, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1231, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1241, 1243 and 1244:

First alarm - E 8, Second alarm - E 4, Third alarm - E 6,
Fourth alarm - E 26, Fifth alarm - E 27.

Boxes 1242, 1245, 1246, 1251, 1256:

First alarm - E 8, Second alarm - E 39, Third alarm - E 4,
Fourth alarm - E 26, Fifth alarm - E 6.

Boxes 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255:

First alarm - E 8, Second alarm - E 4, Third alarm - E 6
Fourth alarm - E 26, Fifth alarm - E 39.

Boxes 1261, 1262, 1263, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1281:

First alarm - E 26, Second alarm - E 4, Third alarm - E 6,
Fourth alarm - E 8, Fifth alarm - E 7.

Boxes 1282, 1283, 1284:

First alarm - E 26, Second alarm - E 7, Third alarm - E 4,
Fourth alarm - E 39, Fifth alarm - E 8.

Boxes 1257, 1285, 1286:

First alarm - E 39, Second alarm - E 8, Third alarm - E 4,
Fourth alarm - E 7, Fifth alarm - E 26.

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Boxes 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1421:
First alarm - E 39, Second alarm - E 7, Third alarm - E 26,
Fourth alarm - E 4, Fifth alarm - E 8.

Boxes 1211, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1315, 1321:
First alarm - E 8, Second alarm - E 6, Third alarm - E 4,
Fourth alarm - E 26, Fifth alarm - E 27.

Boxes 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335:
First alarm - E 6, Second alarm - E 4, Third alarm - E 8,
Fourth alarm - E 26, Fifth alarm - E 27.

Boxes 1316, 1317, 1336, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347,
1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355 and 1356:
First alarm - E - 6, Second alarm - E - 4, Third alarm - E 8,
Fourth alarm - E 26, Fifth alarm - E 27.

Boxes 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1374:
First alarm - E 4, Second alarm - E 6, Third alarm - E 26,
Fourth alarm - E 8, Fifth alarm - E 22.

Boxes 1371, 1372, 1375, 1381, 1382, 1383:
First alarm - E 26, Second alarm - E 4, Third alarm - E 6,
Fourth alarm - E 22, Fifth alarm - E 33.

Boxes 1412, 1414, 1413, 1422, 1425, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435:
First alarm - E 7, Second alarm - E 39, Third alarm - E 26,
Fourth alarm - E 15, Fifth alarm - E 4.

Boxes 1442, 1445:
First alarm - E 26, Second alarm - E 7, Third alarm - E 4,
Fourth alarm - E 39, Fifth alarm - E 8.

Boxes 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1481, 1482, 1491, 1511,
1512, 1513, 1516:
First alarm - E 26, Second alarm - E 7, Third alarm - E 3,
Fourth alarm - E 22, Fifth alarm - E 15.

Boxes 1441, 1443, 1446, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1457, 1458, 1461, 1462,
1463, 1465:
First alarm - E - 26, Second alarm - E 7, Third alarm - E 3,
Fourth alarm - E 39, Fifth alarm - E 22.

Boxes 1411, 7112, 7113, 7116, 7117, 7118, 7121, 7122:
First alarm - E 39, Second alarm - E 15, Third alarm - E 7,
Fourth alarm - E 1, Fifth alarm - E 26.

Boxes 1483, 1515:
First alarm - E 26, Second alarm - E 22, Third alarm - E 3,
Fourth alarm - E 7, Fifth alarm - E 15.

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Boxes 1521, 1522, 1531, 1533:

First alarm - E 26, Second alarm E 22, Third alarm - E 3,
Fourth alarm - E 33, Fifth alarm E 15.

Boxes 1523, 1524:

First alarm - E 22, Second alarm - E 3, Third alarm - E 26,
Fourth alarm - E 33, Fifth alarm - E 15.

Boxes 1585, 1537:

First alarm - E 33, Second alarm - E 26, Third alarm - E 22,
Fourth alarm - E 3, Fifth alarm - E 6.

Box 1576:

First alarm - E 33, Second alarm - E 22, Third alarm - E 26,
Fourth alarm - E 3, Fifth alarm - E 6.

Boxes 1583, 1591:

First alarm - E 33, Second alarm - E 22, Third alarm - E 23,
Fourth alarm - E 13, Fifth alarm - E 3.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

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NO. 82.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, NOVEMBER 11, 1915.

I. TRANSFER.

1. The following transfer is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, November 12, 1915:

Ladderman Albert S. Penney From Ladder 20 to Ladder 27.

II. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman James J. Corcoran of Engine Co. 19 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 341, October 12, 1915, while on day off.
2. Capt. Lorenzo D. Merrill of Ladder Co. 29 and Ladderman Francis Kehoe of Ladder Co. 27 are hereby commended for performing efficient fire duty at the fire in St. John's Parochial School, Peabody, Massachusetts, October 28, 1915, while on day off.
3. Ladderman Patrick Curran of Ladder Co. 1 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 1385, October 30, 1915, while on day off.
4. Asst. Engineer Edward J. Haley of Engine Co. 40 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 651, October 30, 1915, while on day off.
5. Capt. Charles A. Winchester of Engine Co. 47 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 648, November 1, 1915, while on vacation.
6. Engineer James P. Gillogly of Engine Co. 27, Asst. Engineer Joseph H. Barry of Engine Co. 9, Hosemen Richard W. Brown of Engine Co. 9, Owen Gallagher of Engine Co. 36 and Arthur W. Deleskey of Chemical Co. 7 are hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 648, November 1, 1915, while on day off.
7. John Smith, machinist in the Repair Shop, is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 648, November 1, 1915, while off duty.
8. Lieut. William F. Quigley of Chemical Co. 2 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire at 119 Hutchings street, still alarm, November 7, 1915, while on day off.

III. TESTIMONIALS.

The following testimonials are published for the information of the department:

1. LOUIS D. BRANDEIS
161 Devonshire Street
Boston, Mass.

November 1, 1915.

John Grady, Esq.,
Fire Commissioner,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. Grady:

Mrs. Brandeis and I desire to express our appreciation of the efficiency with which your Department handled the Chestnut street fire, and the solicitude for and courtesy shown to neighbors.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing my check for \$50.00 as a donation to the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund.

Yours very truly,
(signed) Louis D. Brandeis.

2. CITY OF BOSTON
Park and Recreation Dept.

Boston, November 2, 1915.

John Grady, Esq.,
Fire Commissioner,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Commissioner:

Permit me to congratulate you on the splendid manner in which the fire in the Chauncey Thomas garage was handled by the Department.

It has called forth high praise from this community, who appreciated the manner in which the adjoining property, much of it newly finished, was saved from damage.

Yours faithfully,
(signed) Charles Gibson,
Commissioner.

3. CHAUNCEY THOMAS & CO.,
Chestnut Street,
Boston, Mass., Nov. 2, 1915

John Grady, Esq.,
Fire Commissioner,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I, personally, wish to thank you for the efficient

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service given by the Fire Department of the City of Boston at the blaze at Chauncey Thomas & Co.'s, factory, 101 and 103 Chestnut St., Boston. I cannot say enough in praise of the Engine Company from Mt. Vernon St., as from the time we telephoned it seemed to be only a minute before they were on the spot.

I am writing this letter, not alone for myself, but for the firm of Chauncey Thomas & Co.

Again thanking you for the courtesy shown us by each and all of your men, I remain,

Very truly yours,
(signed) H. W. Rich,

By order of the Fire Commissioner:
Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

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NO. 85.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, NOVEMBER 17, 1915.

I. PROMOTIONS.

1. The following promotion is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, November 19, 1915:

Hoseman George N. F. Getchell of Engine Co. 24 to be lieutenant.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, November 19, 1915:

Lieut. George N. F. Getchell	From Engine 24 to Engine 20,
Lieut. Coleman E. Clougherty	From Engine 20 to Ladder 27,
George J. Schiedel	From Eng. 26/35 to Ladder 10,
Guy H. Hendrickson	From Engine 18 to Ladder 7,
Patrick J. Norton	From Ladder 7 to Engine 18,
John J. O'Neil	From Ladder 10 to Eng. 26/35.

III. CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT.

1. The following change in assignment is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, November 19, 1915:

Box 7421: Add Ladder 3 to Ladder 5 on second alarm.

IV. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

1. The following new fire alarm boxes will shortly be established:

Box 1259: John Morrell & Co., 75 Commercial st., connected into circuit No. 4; assignments will be the same as for box 1251;

Box 3261: Hancock and Jerome sts., connected into circuit No. 9, assignments will be the same as for box 199;

Box 3371: Woodrow and Ballou ave., connected into circuit No. 30, assignments will be the same as for box 991;

Box 3373: Woodrow ave. and Lucerne st., connected into circuit No. 31, assignments will be the same as for box 392;

Box 3414: Park and Everett sts., connected into circuit No. 39, assignments will be the same as for box 928.

V. COMMENDATION.

1. The following letter is published for the information of the department:

November 1, 1915.

Fire Commissioner,
City of Boston Fire Dept.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We, the undersigned residents and land owners on Otis place, wish to express through you to the men of your department on duty at the Chauncey Thomas fire last Saturday, our sincere thanks for their efficient and courteous behavior. We would gladly make it in person with the various individuals with whom we were brought in contact, but as such is impossible, we take this opportunity to state our appreciation of your organization.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Charles G. Loring,
George A. Goddard,
Louisa A. Wells.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

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NO. 87.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, NOVEMBER 24, 1915.

I. RETIREMENT.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, November 26, 1915:

Hoseman James E. Griffin of Engine Co. 32.

II. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion, to take effect as of September 1, 1915, is hereby announced:

Capt. Cornelius J. O'Brien of Engine Co. 10 to be Acting District Chief of District No. 5.

III. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Ladderman George A. Whalen of Ladder Co. 6 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 1431, November 20, 1915, while on day off.

2. The following is published for the information of the department:

"In the early part of the present year Mayor O'Keefe, with the approval of the City Council, sought through Mayor Curley and Fire Commissioner Grady of the City of Boston, the services of a man trained in the Fire Department of that City, to serve temporarily as chief of the Salem Fire Department for the purpose of reorganizing and building up the department. The result was that Captain Albert J. Caulfield was assigned to that service and has served therein for a period of eight months.

"That he has made as an organizer and instructor of the men placed under his charge and won the esteem of the people of Salem is evidenced by this gathering of citizens assembled to pay him a parting tribute upon the evening of his departure to resume his duties in his home city.

"It is fitting therefore that our thanks should be extended to those officials who made it possible for Salem to receive the services of such an efficient man, and it is hereby

"RESOLVED that the citizens of Salem here assembled extend to Mayor Curley and Commissioner Grady of Boston their hearty appreciation of the service rendered to this city in permitting Captain Caulfield to serve in the capacity of Chief of its Fire Department during an altogether too brief period.

"RESOLVED that copies of these resolutions be sent to Mayor Curley, Commissioner Grady and Captain Caulfield, attested by the chairman of this meeting.
Salem, November 15, 1915.

(signed) John E. Spencer,
Chairman.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

I. FIRES CAUSED BY FRICTIONAL ELECTRICITY IN GASOLINE.

The following article by Walter L. Wedger, chemist for the Massachusetts District Police is published for the information of the department:

1. Several mysterious fires occurring during the handling of gasoline, have been shown by the chemist of the Massachusetts District Police, to be caused by a spark of frictional electricity generated in dangerous intensity while pouring gasoline through a chamois-skin strainer, and also during the passage of gasoline through a rubber lined hose.

2. To avoid fire from this cause, the following suggestions are offered:

A. In drawing gasoline from a pump into a can, the metal of the can should always be in electrical contact with the metal of the pump, so that all electricity generated can pass off through the pump to the ground. Wooden handles, or other insulating substances on the bails of cans should be removed at once, so that when a can is hung by the bail on the pump hook, all parts of the can are in electrical contact with the pump.

Neglect to observe this precaution has been the cause of two fires.

B. In filling the tank of a motor vehicle with gasoline from a can through a metal tunnel containing a chamois-skin strainer, care should be taken that the metal of the tunnel is in electrical contact with the metal of the tank, and also that the can from which the gasoline is poured is likewise kept in electrical contact with either the tank or the tunnel.

If it is inconvenient to rest the mouth of the can upon the edge of the tunnel during the act of pouring, then a piece of clean copper chain should be soldered to the mouth of the can used for this purpose, and the end of the chain allowed to rest in electrical contact with the tank or the tunnel.

The use of blocks of wood, or other insulating substances, placed around the filling hole of the tank, to make the tunnel sit upright during the process of filling, should be discontinued at once, as this results in insulating the tunnel from the tank, and creates a pocket for the accumulation of electricity in the metal of the tunnel, which would otherwise pass off as fast as formed to the metal of the vehicle in harmless intensity.

A man standing on the rubber covering of the running board of a motor vehicle, filling the tank with gasoline from a can which he holds in the air, has been known to generate sufficient electricity by the friction of the gasoline passing out of the mouth of the can, to cause a spark and resultant fire, when the can was brought near any metal substance. Hence, the necessity of the copper chain and electrical contact with the tunnel and the tank during filling.

Neglect to observe these precautions has been the cause of five fires.

C. In filling the tank of a motor vehicle with gasoline from a pump with a hose having a metal nozzle, fires have been known to occur from frictional electricity generated by the passage of gasoline through the rubber hose and collecting in dangerous intensity in the metal nozzle from which it is discharged by means of a spark when the nozzle

is brought near to any substance. During the process of filling in this manner, the metal nozzle should be kept in electrical contact with the car tank, or a hose with a metal lining used.

A bare copper wire passed through the inside of the hose and soldered to the metal of the nozzle at one end, and to the metal of the pump connection at the other end, prevents the accumulation of electricity in the gasoline inside of the hose, by conducting it off to the pump and the ground as fast as formed.

Neglect to observe these precautions has been the cause of two fires.

Frictional electricity is generated by the rubbing together of substances that in themselves are nonconductors of electricity, such as dry wood, rubber, chamois skin and gasoline; or it may be generated by friction between a nonconductor and a conductor such as gasoline and a metal pipe or can, although in the latter case its intensity is much diminished.

It is seldom generated in wet or moist weather, the best conditions for it being a clear, dry atmosphere.

Recent tests prove that as high as five hundred volts can easily be generated by the forced passage of gasoline over nonconducting substances.

II. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Engineer Peter J. Corrigan of Engine Co. 28, is hereby commended for stopping a runaway horse on Centre street, Jamaica Plain, Tuesday, November 23, 1915.

2. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter, with a check for one hundred (100) dollars, from Chauncey Thomas & Co.

CHAUNCEY THOMAS & CO.
15 HARCOURT STREET
BOSTON

November, 27, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

We have previously written thanking you for the services rendered at the fire on our premises, 101 & 103 Chestnut St., Boston, on October 30th of this year. We cannot say enough in praise of the entire department and although the fire was a severe financial loss to us we feel it no more than our duty to send a small remembrance which we trust will be found acceptable. One-half of this remittance is from the owner of the building, Mrs. Mary J. P. Thomas, 73 Crawford St., Roxbury, and we assure you that Mrs. Thomas and family are very grateful for the services so efficiently rendered.

Very truly yours,
(signed) CHAUNCEY THOMAS & CO.

III. AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS.

1. On and after this date recommendations for the installation of automatic sprinklers in buildings must come only from deputy and district chiefs. Recommendations for sprinkler equipment may be made to the district chiefs by captains and lieutenants; then the district chiefs shall inspect the premises and make such recommendations as he deems proper.

IV. INSPECTION OF HYDRANTS.

1. The Fire Commissioner is in receipt of the following letter from the Commissioner of Public Works:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

November 26, 1915.

Mr. John Grady,
Fire Commissioner.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of November 20, I would say that we have come to the conclusion that it would be better that hydrants should not be operated except by men from the Water Service of this department or by firemen for the purpose of extinguishing fires. Persons other than the above-mentioned should not be permitted to use these hydrants even though they should pump them clear of water.

Yours very truly,
(signed) E. F. Murphy,
Commissioner of Public Works.

2. In accordance with the above letter permission previously granted to open hydrants is hereby revoked. Hereafter hydrants shall be operated by members of this department only for the purpose of extinguishing fires.

V. MOTOR APPARATUS.

1. On September 28, 1915, a Mack combination hose wagon and chemical was placed in service with Engine Co. 25. Weight, fully equipped, without men, 13,300 pounds.
2. On October 4, 1915, an engine equipped with a Christie tractor was placed in service with Engine 43, replacing horse drawn apparatus. Weight, fully equipped, without men, 13,150 pounds.
3. On October 4, 1915, a Robinson combination hose wagon and chemical was placed in service with Engine Co. 43, replacing the horse drawn apparatus. Weight, fully equipped, without men, 11,000 pounds.
4. On October 27, 1915, Ladder 20 was equipped with a Christie tractor. Weight, fully equipped, without men, 13,120 pounds.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

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NO. 89

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, DECEMBER 8, 1915.

I. ASSIGNMENTS.

1. The following assignments are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 10, 1915:

Daniel J. Kennedy of Water Tower 2 to be Aide to the Commissioner;
John T. Kiley To Engine 27,
Francis T. Tierney To Engine 19.

II. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 10, 1915:

John F. Horgan	From Engine 27 to Engine 32,
James M. Corcoran	From Engine 19 to Engine 24,
Frank Patrick	From Engine 20 to Engine 16,
Michael B. Mulcahy	From Engine 16 to Engine 20.

III. RETIREMENT.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 10, 1915:

James McTiernan of Water Tower 3.

IV. COMMENDATION.

1. Hoseman Daniel W. O'Leary of Engine Co. 37 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fires, boxes 858 and 879, December 5, 1915, while on a day off.

V. OVERCOATS.

1. On and after December 15, 1915, officers and members of the department, including the uniformed employees of the Repair Shop and Fire Alarm Branches, appearing on the street in uniform, will wear the regulation uniform overcoat instead of the sack coat. The regulation gloves will also be worn after the above date.

VI. DEFECTIVE TAPPERS.

1. Defects, such as incorrect striking, etc., in tappers belonging to cities outside of Boston, and which are installed in houses of this department, should be reported directly by telephone to the Fire Alarm Office of this department, and such report followed by a communication, stating the facts.

By order of the Fire Commissioner
Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 91.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, DECEMBER 16, 1915.

I. RETIREMENTS.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 10, 1915:

Hoseman Francis J. Martin, Engine Co. 43.

2. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 17, 1915:

Capt. Frank P. Stengel, Engine Co. 12.

Capt. Stengel joined this department as a call man on April 21, 1883; he became a permanent member March 28, 1885. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on July 2, 1897, and to the rank of Captain on April 9, 1909.

II. STORAGE OF PAINTS AND OILS.

1. Section 6 of Chapter 795 of the Acts of 1914 places the storage and sale of paints and oils in, or within fifty feet of dwelling houses, under the jurisdiction of the Fire Prevention Commissioner who has established rules and regulations governing such storage and sale.
2. Every paint store or shop which is located in a dwelling house, or within fifty feet of one, should comply with the rules established by the Fire Prevention Commissioner. District Chiefs will see that a copy of these rules is left at every such store or shop, with the request that they be complied with, within, at the most, two months.
3. Additional copies of the regulations may be obtained at Headquarters.
4. When reporting paint shops and stores to Headquarters it must be stated whether the store or shop is in a building used as a dwelling, or within fifty feet of a dwelling, and the approximate quantity of paints and oils stored.

By order of the Fire Commissioner,
Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department

I. CHARLES WILLETT
DENNIS A. WALSH

1. It is with a feeling of deepest regret that the Fire Commissioner announces the loss of the following members of the department:

Charles Willett of Engine Co. No. 10,
Born - January 16, 1881 Appointed - May 3, 1901.

Dennis A. Walsh of Engine Co. No. 10,
Born - May 29, 1882 Appointed - September 3, 1909.

These two men were killed by falling floors at the three-alarm fire in building No. 347-357 Cambridge street, Ward 8, box 1356, December 21, 1915. They died in the faithful performance of their duty as firemen.

2. By their deaths the department loses two of its most efficient and zealous members. Faithful to their duty at all times, with excellent records, they showed a marked attachment for their chosen work. The character of their service in the department was the highest.
3. The funeral of Hoseman Charles Willett will be held from his late residence, 21 Linden street, Brighton, on Friday morning, December 24, at 8:30 o'clock. Services at St. Anthony's Church, corner of Holton and Athol streets, Allston, at 9 o'clock.
4. The Chief of Department will detail sixteen men, under command of Chief Henry A. Fox of Fire District No. 11 as funeral escort. Engine Co. 10 will be excused from duty.
5. The funeral of Hoseman Dennis A. Walsh will be held from his late residence, 100 Regent street, Roxbury, on Friday morning, December 24, at 8:30 o'clock. Services at St. Joseph's Church, Circuit street, Roxbury at 9 o'clock.
6. The Chief of Department will detail sixteen men, under command of Chief Joseph H. Kenney of Fire District No. 9 as funeral escort. Engine Co. 10 will be excused from duty.
7. Wherever possible, Company Commanders will allow the necessary time off for those of their commands, who are on days off and wish to attend the funeral services, to leave quarters early enough to attend same.
8. The quarters of Engine Co. 10 will be draped in mourning for thirty days.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 93.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, DECEMBER 23, 1915.

I. RETIREMENTS.

1. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 24, 1915:

Hoseman John J. Katwick of Engine Co. 11

2. The following retirement is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Sunday, December 26, 1915:

Engineer Percy W. Gowen of Engine Co. 1.

II. PROMOTIONS.

1. The following promotions are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 24, 1915:

Lieut. Dennis J. Dacey	of Engine 16 to be captain,
Lieut. Thomas H. Downey	of Engine 4 to be captain,
Lieut. William H. McCorkle	of Ladder 18 to be captain,
Hoseman Ronald J. McDonald	of Engine 1 to be lieutenant,
Hoseman Daniel W. Mahoney	of Engine 14 to be lieutenant,
Hoseman George E. Darragh	of Engine 32 to be lieutenant.

III. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 24, 1915:

Capt. Dennis J. Dacey	From Engine 16 to Engine 45,
Capt. Thomas H. Downey	From Engine 4 to Engine 29,
Capt. William H. McCorkle	From Ladder 18 to Engine 12,
Lieut. Ronald J. McDonald	From Engine 1 to Engine 4,
Lieut. Daniel W. Mahoney	From Engine 14 to Engine 16,
Lieut. George E. Darragh	From Engine 32 to Ladder 18.

IV. COMMENDATION.

1. Hoseman Joseph E. MacDermott of Engine Co. 7 is hereby commended for meritorious conduct in assisting a police officer to arrest a dangerous man in Humphreys street, Dorchester, November 23, 1915. Hoseman MacDermott rendered the assistance at great risk to himself.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

I. CHANGES IN FIRE ALARM BOX NUMBERS.

1. The following changes in fire alarm box numbers are hereby ordered to become effective on and after 12 o'clock noon (the striking of the meridian blow on the bells in the houses) on Thursday, December 30, 1915:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENT NO.</u>	<u>NEW NO.</u>
Freeport st. at McNeil's Mills	919 C39	3411
Educational Press, Clayton st near Harrison sq.	927	3412
Freeport st, opp Beach st	921 C38	3413
Mill and Ashland sts.	923 C39	3415
Blanche and Green Hill sts.	920	3416
Freeport and Preston sts.	929 C38	3418
Normal & Latin School, Huntington ave	2237	2352

2. Changes in circuit cards will be made to conform to the new numbers.
3. Old assignment cards will be returned to these Headquarters not later than Saturday, January 1, 1916.

II. NEW FIRE ALARM BOXES.

1. The following new fire alarm boxes will shortly be established:

Box 806: Winship school, Dighton st., connected into circuit No. 46. Assignments will be the same as for box 2816.
Box 897: Islington and Armington sts., auxiliarized to Frederic A. Whitney school, connected into circuit No. 51. Assignment to be the same as for box 827.
Box 2237: William A. Bacon school, Vernon and Auburn sts., connected into circuit No. 27. Assignments will be the same as for box 239.
Box ~~2397~~ 2349: High School of Commerce, Avenue Louis Pasteur, connected into circuit No. 8. Assignments will be the same as for box 219.
2. Fire alarm box No. 2522, which is already in service at Wachusett and Pattern streets, is to be auxiliarized to the Francis Parkman School.

III. MOTOR APPARATUS.

1. On December 24, 1915, Ladder 10 was equipped with a two-wheel Christie tractor. Weight, fully equipped, without men, 15,010 pounds.

IV. COMMENDATIONS.

1. Hoseman James Cullen of Engine Co. 38/39 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire at No. 91 A. street, still alarm, December 22, 1915, while on a day off.
2. Lieut. George N. F. Gatchell of Engine Co. 20 is hereby commended for responding to and working at fire, box 321, December 24, 1915, while on a day off.

V. RETIREMENTS.

1. The following retirements are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Saturday January 1, 1916:

Capt. Roscoe E. Handy of Engine Co. 45,
Capt. John S. Cleverly of Engine Co. 29.
2. Captain Handy was appointed to this department as a call member February 4, 1876, and became a permanent man on July 14, 1882. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on September 15, 1885, and to captain on December 22, 1893.
3. Captain Cleverly was appointed to this department as a call member May 8, 1880, and became a permanent man February 25, 1886. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant February 10, 1893, and to captain November 12, 1897.
4. The records of Captains Handy and Cleverly in this department show long, faithful and efficient service. These men are a credit to their profession, and examples to the younger men of the department.

VI. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Saturday, January 1, 1916:

Capt. Gustavus H. Nichols to be acting district chief of Fire District No. 11.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.

GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 96.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, DECEMBER 30, 1915.

I. PROMOTION.

1. The following promotion is hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 31, 1915:
Assistant Engineer Edward J. Twomey of Engine Co. 2 to be Engineer.

II. ASSIGNMENTS.

1. The following assignments are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 31, 1915:

George F. Beeman	To Ladder 18,
Mathew J. Oskinis	To Engine 10,
John J. Ainsworth	To Engine 40,
Edward P. McGlinchey	To Chemical 9,
Patrick A. Fallon	To Engine 11.

III. TRANSFERS.

1. The following transfers are hereby announced to take effect at 10 A. M., Friday, December 31, 1915:

Engr. Edward J. Twomey	From Engine 2 to Engine 1,
William J. Kelley	From Ladder 18 to Engine 47,
Patrick J. O'Donnell	From Engine 47 to Engine 10,
Daniel F. Dwyer	From Engine 40 to Engine 1,
Timothy J. Guinee	From Chemical 9 to Engine 32.

IV. UNIFORM CAPS.

1. So much of General Orders No. 647, dated September 15, 1908, which relates to the chin-straps on hats of company officers is hereby revoked.
2. On and after Friday, January 8, 1916, caps worn by company officers will have a silver chin-strap, three-eighths of an inch in width, with white metal buttons.

By order of the Fire Commissioner:

Peter F. McDonough,
Chief of Department.