

"Case of Hoseman Patrick J. Flaherty, Engine Company 22, at fire, Box 1662, 3 alarms, 1821 Washington Street, January 10, 1934, 4.42 A. M. While Engine Company 22 was running a line at this fire, Hoseman Flaherty observed a man standing on the coping of the sixth floor where he had climbed to escape from the building. Hoseman Flaherty immediately proceeded to the roof via Ladder Company 12's aerial ladder, laid down on his stomach, and first spoke to the man who was in a highly nervous state and bordering upon collapse, instructing him what to do. Reaching down over the side of building, after several attempts Hoseman Flaherty secured a hold on the man's wrists and raised him to the roof. He then assisted man down over aerial ladder to the street. During the performance of this act, an incident occurred which placed both men in an extremely perilous position. Just as man was being pulled over the edge of roof the keys which he was wearing on his belt caught and prevented Hoseman Flaherty from raising him up any further until man reached down with one hand and released the keys. Investigation of this matter shows that this act could only have been accomplished by a man of unusual strength and courage. Because of his courage, coolness, ability and efficiency in a most trying situation, Hoseman Flaherty was awarded seven days additional vacation and highly commended in General Orders No. 9, series of 1934. The Board of Merit is of the opinion that the services of Hoseman Patrick J. Flaherty on this occasion were of a most extraordinary nature, and also that his act was the most meritorious performed during the year 1934, and, therefore, recommends that he be awarded the 'John E. Fitzgerald Medal.'" (Hoseman Flaherty is now assigned to Eng. 44.)

2. The John E. Fitzgerald Medal was presented to Hoseman Patrick J. Flaherty in the office of the Fire Commissioner on Wednesday, August 7, 1935.