

I. BOARD OF MERIT.

1. The Board of Merit of the Boston Fire Department, consisting of the Chief of Department and Deputy Chiefs, has considered all meritorious acts referred to it for the year 1938. After careful consideration and study the Board submitted the following recommendation which is hereby approved by the Fire Commissioner:-
2. Only one case was submitted for consideration of the Board, as follows:- Meritorious action of Hoseman Dennis J. McLaughlin of Engine Company 23 at fire, 142 Northampton Street, Box 2217, 9:26 P.M., March 4, 1938:

Upon arrival at this fire, Captain Hugh J. Goodfellow and Hoseman Dennis J. McLaughlin of Engine Company 23 proceeded to lay a booster line to the second floor. On reaching the head of the stairway, they heard some one moaning in a rear room into which the fire was extending. Hoseman McLaughlin crawled along the hallway underneath flame and into the room where he found a woman overcome by smoke. He removed her to the head of stairway where he collapsed and had to be assisted to the street.

After a careful review of this case, the Board is of the opinion that this rescue was made under extremely dangerous conditions and at considerable personal risk to member; therefore, the Board respectfully recommends that the name of Hoseman Dennis J. McLaughlin of Engine Company 23 be placed on the Roll of Merit.