

4. Case of Hoseman Edward B. Nolan, Engine Co. 26, fire, Box 221, 11:16 P. M., April 20, 1942; 421 Massachusetts Avenue.

Upon arrival of department apparatus at this fire, it was found that the male occupant of a fourth floor room had been cut off from escape because of smoke and heat in the building, and had been forced to stand on a narrow outside cornice. Hoseman Edward B. Nolan of Engine Co. 26 made his way through the adjoining building at No. 419 Massachusetts Avenue and walked along the narrow coping to No. 421. Despite heavy smoke, he held the victim until ladders were raised to the fourth floor and in all probability prevented the man from jumping into the street. Ladder work was impaired in front of the building due to the many overhead wires at this point. He was highly commended in General Orders No. 23, Series 1942, by the Fire Commissioner.

Because of his quick action and the great personal risk to which he exposed himself during this rescue work, the Board recommends that the name of Hoseman Edward B. Nolan, Engine Co. 26, be placed on the Roll of Merit.