

2. Case of Ladderman Louis J. Civitarese of Ladder Co. 26.

At 8:29 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M., January 11, 1947, the department responded to an alarm from Box 2226 for a fire in the dwelling house at 22 Weston Street, Roxbury.

Upon arrival of the apparatus members of this department were informed that there was a woman and child trapped in the first floor which was heavily involved in fire, heat and smoke. Ladderman Louis J. Civitarese of Ladder Co. 26, detailed to Ladder Co. 12, entered the building through the front door, forced an entrance to the first floor, crawled along a short hallway into a front room and found a child, age 4, who was unconscious on the floor. He removed the child to the street where members of Rescue Co. 2 administered first aid.

In effecting the rescue, Ladderman Civitarese was subjected to considerable smoke and heat and his action was performed under difficult conditions. He was highly commended in General Orders No. 7, series of 1947.

Because of his prompt action and the great personal risk to which he exposed himself in performing this rescue work, the Board recommends that Ladderman Louis J. Civitarese of Ladder Co. 26 be awarded the "John E. Fitzgerald Medal."