

VI. COMMENDATION.

1. At 1:47 P. M., January 6, 1944, the department responded to an alarm from Box 2226 for a fire in the dwelling house at 81 Sterling Street, Roxbury.
2. On arrival of Ladder Co. 12 at the scene it was found that three children were alone on the second floor where the fire originated. Members of the company raised a twenty-foot ladder to a second floor window and Ladderman James W. McDonald of Ladder Co. 12 went over the ladder, entered the room, and crawling on his hands and knees made a search for the children. He found two of the children in an unconscious condition on the floor, brought them to the window and passed them to firemen on the ladder. He found the third child in a crib in a room off the room involved by fire and passed it out to the ladder.
3. During the time he was performing this work Ladderman McDonald was subjected to severe smoke and heat as the window shades, curtains, and trimmings in the room were burning, causing slight burns to his neck and face.
4. Because of the risk to which he exposed himself in performing this rescue work, Ladderman McDonald is highly commended by the Fire Commissioner and his case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.

BY ORDER OF FIRE COMMISSIONER WILLIAM ARTHUR REILLY:

Samuel J. Pope,
Chief of Department.