

## VII. COMMENDATIONS.

1. At 5:43 P.M., December 5, 1944 the department responded to an alarm from Box 2329 which was sounded when a twelve-year old boy fell through the thin ice of Muddy River, about thirty feet from the west bank, at a point opposite 1167 Boylston Street.
2. Upon reaching the scene Hoseman George J. Roy of Engine 33 immediately went to the bank of the river and plunged in, breaking the ice as he advanced toward the boy. He had nearly reached the boy when a ladder was slid out on the ice by the members of Engine 33 and Ladder 15. Hoseman Roy was then able to direct the ladder to the boy who grasped it and both were pulled ashore.
3. In breaking the ice while trying to reach the boy, Hoseman Roy suffered bruises to both arms and a cut to his right leg.
4. Because of Hoseman Roy's prompt action and the risk to which he exposed himself in making this rescue, the Fire Commissioner is pleased to commend him highly and his case is referred to the Board of Merit for further consideration.