

DAY OFF IN THREE EFFECTIVE FRIDAY

Working of Ordinance Explained by Chief

Firemen Commended in Orders for Acts of Bravery

Three general orders, issued by Peter F. McDonough, chief of the Boston Fire Department and acting commissioner, last night, will be read to the members of the department at rollcall this morning.

The first order deals with putting into effect the new day off in three ordinance, and announces that, for the present, each engine company will be placed on a 12-man basis; each ladder company, 12 men; combination truck companies, nine men; combination hose and chemical companies, six men; chemical and tower companies, five men. This schedule is temporary, and the companies will be increased to normal strength later. The ordinance takes effect Friday.

The company commanders are notified that the day off period will begin at 9 a m and end 24 hours later. Meal periods will be of one hour, the breakfast hours to begin at 7 a m and end at 10 a m. Dinner periods will begin at noon and end at 3 p m, and supper periods will begin at 5 p m and end at 8.

Commendations for Bravery

In an order commending firemen for acts of bravery the Board of Merit awards three degrees—"commendation," "high commendation" and "very high commendation."

For rescuing 15 persons from rear upper floors of the burning building at 171 to 180 Columbus av. Nov 26, commendations are awarded to Capt Charles A. Donohue, laddermen William H. Gillis, Charles A. Wolfe, John F. Murphy, Frederick J. Dobbratz, J. Cunningham, William P. Hogan of Ladder 15, Lieut Joseph P. Manton and Thomas P. Twomey and laddermen John F. Lawley, J. J. O'Connell, Frank P. O'Brien, Cornelius J. Sullivan, J. M. McLaughlin, Michael J. Brown and Edward J. Barrett of Ladder 13.

T. Gallipeau, Ladder 8, is highly commended for saving a boy who fell off the end of Long Wharf; George Leary, Chemical 5, for presence of mind in bringing his machine to a stop, while responding to an alarm, when a front wheel broke; Dist Chief Walter M. McLean and hoseman James A. Gagin of Engine 18, for saving the lives of seven persons, during a fire at 122 Harvard st, Dorchester, and hoseman William F. Thompson, Engine 32, for saving William Holland, during a fire at 47 Main st, Charlestown.

Hoseman Jacob G. Berninger of Chemical 7, East Boston, is highly commended for rescuing an employe of the Edison Electric Company, who was shocked while working on the top of a pole. Berninger climbed the pole and held the man away from the wires until assistance reached them.

For rescues at the New Province House fire, the morning of Dec 6, when eight persons were taken from the building, Lieut George E. Darragh and hoseman Edward J. Locke, John P. Cuddy and Walter E. Struble of Engine 4; Capt James P. McMahon, laddermen J. H. Andreoli, Dennis H. Condon, John J. Buckley and Martin J. Callahan of Ladder 1, and Lieut John Loughlin of Tower 1, were very highly commended.

Thomas F. Conley and Daniel Crowley of Ladder 5, hoseman Daniel Martell of Rescue Company 1 and hoseman John J. Murphy of Engine 25 are highly commended for assisting in rescue work at this fire.

Praised for Stopping Runaway

Ladderman Carl S. Bowers of Ladder 8, for stopping a runaway horse at Atlantic av and India Wharf the afternoon of Sept 24, is highly commended.

Hoseman William J. McCarthy, Engine 46, Ashmont, is commended for his rescue of Gerard Griffin, a 7-year-old boy, from the house at 44 Bailey st, Dorchester, Dec 9.

Twenty-three probationary firemen were appointed by Chief McDonough yesterday and will report for duty with the following companies at 10 o'clock this morning.

Thomas J. McCarthy, Engine 2; Charles A. Hanson, Engine 2; William E. Kelly, Engine 24; James D. Regan, Engine 17; Frederick J. Walsh, Engine 14; John P. Burke, Ladder 31; Joseph I. Canavan, Engine 11; Thomas F. Flaherty, Engine 11; William I. Quinn, Engine 14; Henry J. Welz, Engine 33; George F. Brady, Chemical 9; James F. Marshall, Engine 16; Patrick F. Cronin, Engine 22; William E. Dolan, Engine 42; Michael O'Toole, Ladder 25; Louis Cohen, Ladder 29; Thomas F. Walsh, Engine 33; Edward Brewster, Engine 10; John L. McIntyre, Engine 26-35; Timothy J. Donovan, Ladder 2; George F. Finch, Chemical 10; William J. Crowley, Engine 17; William A. Heneberry, Engine 9.