

# FIREMEN GET PROMOTIONS

## Lieut Merrill Named as Captain.

## Will Command City's First Motor Ladder Truck.

## Roose, Magner, McCarthy Made Lieutenants.

Eight promotions, 30 transfers and 10 appointments were announced by Fire Commissioner Cole yesterday afternoon. This order will take effect at rollcall this morning, and although the day is Friday the 13th the firemen advanced in grade are not a bit superstitious.



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LIEUT LORENZO D. MERRILL,  
Who Is Appointed Captain of Ladder  
Co 29, at Lauriat av, Dorchester.

The principal promotion was that of Lieut Lorenzo D. Merrill of chemical engine 8, B st, South Boston, to the grade of captain. He will be established in the station at Callender and Lyons sts, in the Lauriat-av section of Dorchester, which will eventually become

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# EIGHT PROMOTIONS COLE'S HOLIDAY GIFT

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the headquarters for the new motor propelled ladder truck 29, which figured in the accident with the trolley car at South Boston Thursday afternoon.

Chemical 11, under charge of Lieut James J. Lunney, is quartered in the station at present, but it is understood this company will be disbanded.

Three men serving in the ranks were promoted to the grade of lieutenant, advancement being given to hoseman Thomas W. Roose of Engine Company 6, Leverett st, West End; hoseman William H. Magner of Engine Company 32, Bunker Hill st, Charlestown, and ladderman John McCarthy of Ladder Truck 2, Paris st, East Boston.

Roose will be assigned temporarily to Engine Company 8, Salem st, North End; McCarthy to Chemical Engine 8 at South Boston and Magner at Ladder Company 2, Longwood av, Roxbury. Lieut William Lally, now attached to Engine 8, will possibly be pensioned at an early date on account of failing health, so it would be no surprise if Roose is assigned permanently to the North End company.

## Engineers Promoted.

Assistant engineers Patrick J. Ryan and Eugene H. Alexander, both connected with Engines 38-39, Congress st, have been raised to the grade of engineer. The former will report for duty at Engine 3, Harrison av, and the latter will remain in his present station.

Hoseman Joseph F. Hohmann of Engine 43, Andrew sq, South Boston, and hoseman Frank E. Merrill of Engine 16, Temple st, Dorchester Lower Mills, have received promotion to the position of assistant engineer. Hohmann will be assigned to Engines 38-39 and Merrill will continue to serve at Engine 16.

Lieut Harry E. Richardson has been ordered from Ladder Truck 19, East 4th st, South Boston, to Engines 38-39, where he will replace Lieut Peter A. Matthews, recently pensioned. Lieut Ernest B. Chittuck of Ladder Truck 26, Longwood av, Roxbury, will succeed Richardson at the City Point Ladder Company.

Engineer William F. Crowley of Engines 38-39, one of the oldest men of the department, will be shifted to Engine 15, Dorchester av. He is the last of the 22 men who were established at the Congress st double company when it was placed in commission, May 18, 1891. The others have either been taken by death, granted pensions or secured berths in other companies. Twenty-one years is considered a long stretch for a man to remain with one company.

Other engineers who will be shifted are: James F. Mulhern, from Engine 15 to Engine 30, Center st, West Roxbury, where he will succeed William H. Clay, who died recently; Fred S. Young, from Engine 3, Harrison av, to Engine 17, East st, Meetinghouse Hill. The engineer's berth at Meetinghouse Hill has been vacant since last February, when Thomas F. Cooney,

who held the position, disappeared from the city suddenly, refusing to attend a trial at headquarters, in which he was to figure as the defendant.

## Many Transfers Made.

Assistant Engineer Frederick T. Dyer has been moved from Engine 16 to Engines 38-39.

The other men who will go to new berths today are all serving as hosemen or laddermen. The transfers are as follows:



THOMAS W. ROOSE  
Who Becomes a Lieutenant of Engine  
8, North End

Joseph W. Fix, Engine 8 to Engine 23; John Maus, Engine 2 to Ladder 2; William A. S. Hughes, Engine 12 to Chemical 5; Carl F. Bode, Engine 2 to Chemical 5; Francis W. Kelley, Engine 2 to Chemical 13; Marcus F. Hulme, Engine 31 to Engine 39; Anthony F. Connell, Engine 45 to Ladder 5; Patrick J. O'Donnell, Engine 47 to Engine 41; John F. Murphy, Engine 44 to Engine 36; David J. Ryan Jr., Chemical 13 to Chemical 11; John T. Cronin, Chemical 7 to Engine 13; Francis P. Walsh, Ladder 2 to Ladder 8; Edward N. Montgomery, Ladder 5 to Engine 44; Carl P. Franks, one of Senior Deputy Grady's chauffeurs, Ladder 8 to Ladder 21; Robert L. Quilty, Ladder 3 to Engine 3; Thomas F. Conley, Ladder 5 to Ladder 8; Joseph McNamara, Ladder 21 to Engine 8; Michael J. Murphy, Ladder 24 to Chemical 8.

The following probationary firemen have been appointed and assigned: Patrick F. O'Neill, Engine 28, Center st, Jamaica Plain; Joseph W. Duggan, Engine 46, Peabody sq, Ashmont; Daniel P. Conner Jr., Chemical 7, Saratoga st, East Boston; William J. Fay, Ladder Company 2, Paris st, East Boston; Edward J. Reavey, Ladder Company 24, North Grove st; George J. Hamilton; Edward J. Hove, Keiran L. Shaughnessy, and Martin E. Ahlstrom of Engine 12 and Martin E. Ahlstrom of Chemical 11.

Thomas W. Ring, who resigned in August, has been reinstated and assigned to Engine 47, a fireboat. This is the third time Ring has joined the department. He was originally appointed in March 31, 1905, and quit in June of the same year. He was reappointed in September, 1906 and resigned again last August. His transfers have been many.

## First Motor Truck Company.

Commissioner Cole has not decided when he will place Ladder Company 29 in commission. It is expected the motor truck will be repaired and ready for service early next week. The company will consist of 10 men, including a captain and a lieutenant. Lieut James J. Lunney, hoseman Joseph Smith, William F. Marquardt and Michael Ryan, now attached to Chemical 11, will be assigned to the truck when it is ready for service, and the balance of the company will include Capt Merrill, David Ryan, transferred from Chemical 13, and four new probationary men. The two Ryans are chauffeurs and certain other members of the company are learning how to operate machines.



LADDERMAN JOHN MCCARTHY,  
Who Becomes a Lieutenant of Chemical 8,  
South Boston.

It is expected the other two motor-propelled trucks that the department has purchased will arrive soon. One will be established in the house that is being erected at Oak sq, Brighton, and will be known as Ladder Company 30, while the other will be located at the Eggleston-Square house, which now quarters Engine 42 and Chemical 5. The latter company will be withdrawn from service and the truck established there will be known as Ladder 31.

Capt Merrill is 42 years old and has been a fireman since Feb 10, 1883, when he was assigned to Engine 1, Dorchester st, South Boston. He was afterward on duty at Engine 8, serving at that company first as hoseman and later as

assistant engineer and engineer. On Dec 5, 1892, he was advanced to the grade of lieutenant and placed at Engine 7. He later was connected with Water Tower 3, Pittsburg st, and Engine 41, Harvard av, Allston, June 25, 1895, he was sent to Chemical 8.

In the competitive examination to promotion to captain taken a year ago last month he secured the second highest mark. He has a wife and eight children and lives in Dorchester.

## The New Lieutenants.

Lieut Magner is 30 years old. He is a medal of honor man. Twelve years ago Col Russell placed his name on the roll of merit and the Humane Society awarded him a bronze medal for life-saving at a downtown fire. He joined the department July 17, 1896, being assigned to Engine 7. Nov 13, 1896, he was moved to Engine 44, a fireboat, and Feb 19, 1897, to Truck 8, Fort Hill sq. He was transferred to Engine 22 March 11, 1904. He lives in Charlestown.

Lieut McCarthy was appointed Nov 11, 1892. For some time he was attached to Engine 26, Mason st. In 1895 he was sent to Ladder Company 2, where he has been senior ladderman more than 10 years. He has also been commended for life saving.

Lieut Roose is 35 years old and has been a fireman since Oct 9, 1903, when he was assigned to Engine 5. He was shifted to Engine 5 Dec 4, 1902, and has remained there since. For several years he was the assistant engineer of the company, but gave up that position so that he could perform actual fire duty. He is the author of several books and has contributed articles to various newspapers and magazines pertaining to fire matters. In the affairs of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association he has figured prominently several years, having presented papers on Fire Department subjects.