

405-1330

1. BOX N/A 4184 BOROUGH Bronx DATE July 4, 1990 TIME 2145 hrs.
 (highest alarm)

2. PERFORMED BY: Firefighter 1st Philip H. McArdle Haz-Mat Company #1
 Rank or Grade Name Unit Assigned Detailed

3. DID ANY OTHER MEMBER PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THIS ACT? NO
 (If Yes) XX
 Rank Name Unit

Is Meritorious Act Report being forwarded for participating member? N/A If not, how did member participate? N/A

4. LOCATION OF MERITORIOUS ACT
 a) If in building: Address Rear of 19-B Edgewater Park Bronx, New York 10465
 Height 2 Story Area 25x35 Construction Wood Frame
 Occupancy Residential Number of apartments in building Private
 Floor where act took place Exposure 3 Room Outside 3 Floor
 b) If not in building: Give complete descriptive information so that physical setting can be recreated. Rear of residence on #3 side of building

5. PERSON(S) AIDED:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| NAME | Frank Meyers | Roy Schwall |
| ADDRESS | 134-B Edgewater Pk. Bx. | 142-B Edgewater Pk. Bx. |
| AGE - SEX | Male / Age 13 | Male / Age 22 |
| RESCUE BREATHING | No | No |
| EXTERNAL CARDIAC MASSAGE | No | No |
| RESUSCITATOR APPLIED | No | No |
| HOSPITALIZED | Yes | Yes |
| NAME OF HOSPITAL | Jacobi | Jacobi |
| DIAGNOSIS | Head trama/lacerations | Burns legs |
| LENGTH OF HOSPITALIZATION | Unknown | Unknown |

6. MEMBER PERFORMING ACT: Did he receive any emergency treatment? No
 Specify N/A

Was medical leave granted? No Diagnosis N/A

7. WHAT SPECIFIC JOB WAS MEMBER PERFORMING AT TIME OF RESCUE? Member Off Duty

WAS MEMBER ALONE? Yes (If not, indicate number of Fire Department personnel in immediate area, and describe their positions in #11.)

WAS A MASK WORN BY MEMBER DURING RESCUE? No

WAS CHARGED HOSELINE IN POSITION TO PROTECT MEMBER MAKING RESCUE? No

HOW WAS VICTIM REMOVED FROM PREMISES? Carried _____ Dragged _____ Assisted XX

WAS A LADDER USED IN THIS RESCUE? No If yes, indicate type, size and placement N/A

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12. DIAGRAM OF APARTMENT OR AREA FROM WHICH VICTIM WAS REMOVED

Indicate location of victim by X.

Indicate path of entrance to apartment (or area) by solid line.

Indicate path of exit (if different than entrance) by broken line.

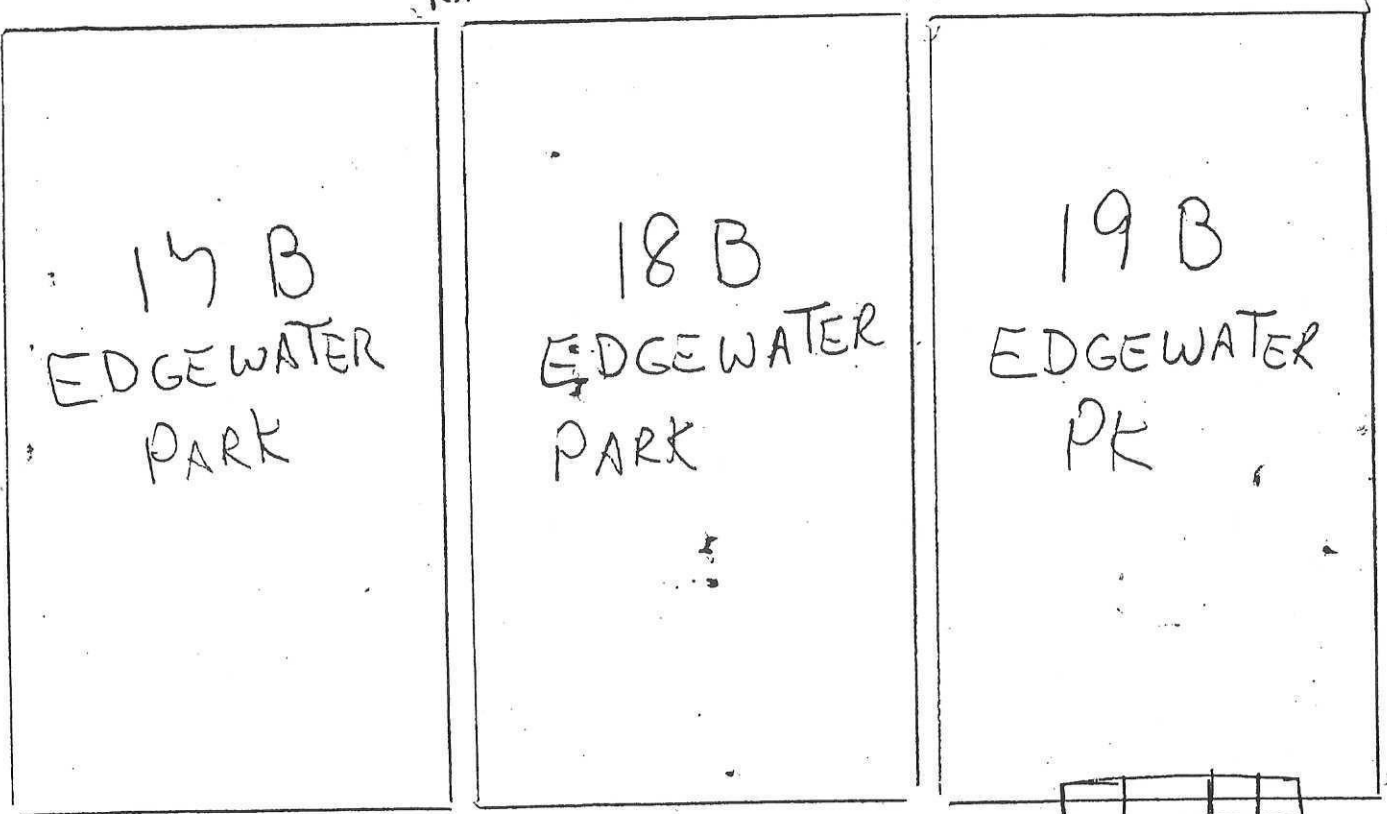
Indicate point of origin of fire (if known) by △ with floor # inside.

Indicate area of fire by ///////

Indicate locations of hose line by --> --> -->.

Diagram shall include all means of access to area (doors, fire escapes).

APPROX 8'
APPROX 8'



↑
12'

BOXES OF FIRE WORKS → [] [] []
X X

↓ SEA WALL

KIDS WIT FIREWORKS FL

DOOR

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8. NAME(S) OF TWO MEMBERS WHO ACTUALLY WITNESSED ACT (IF AVAILABLE)

| RANK | NAME | UNIT |
|------|------|------|
| None | N/A | N/A |

9. NAME(S) OF TWO CIVILIANS WHO ACTUALLY WITNESSED ACT (IF AVAILABLE)

| NAME | ADDRESS |
|-------------------|---|
| Lori Featherstone | 11-B Edgewater Park Bronx, N.Y. 10465 Tel#1 (212) 409-3447 |
| Patrica Lynam | 163-C Edgewater Park Bronx, N.Y. 10465 Tel#1 (212) 863-3822 |

10. WAS VICTIM REMOVED FROM: Immediate fire area XXXX Directly above fire _____
Other area (specify in detail):

11. DESCRIPTION OF ACT:

WHILE EXTINGUISHMENT WAS GOING ON SEVERAL ROCKETS DISCHARGED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MC ARDLE'S HEAD AND FACE; AT THIS POINT HE WARNED SEVERAL ONLOOKERS TO MOVE AWAY BECAUSE THERE WAS STILL DANGER. THE BOXES WERE IN CONTACT WITH THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. PAT TIBBITS 19-B EDGEWATER PARK 1(212)829-0275 AND THEIR WAS FLAME IMPINGEMENT TO THE POINT THAT TWO WINDOWS CRACKED FROM THE HEAT AND AFTERSHOCK OF THE EXPLOSION. FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE AND TOOK ALL OF THE UNBURNED MATERIAL AND THREW IT OVER THE SEA WALL TO SATURATE IT WITH WATER.

FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE FOUND TWO CIVILIANS IN NEED OF MEDICAL TREATMENT ONE HAD TWO THIRD DEGREE BURNS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A QUARTER AN EACH LEG(ROY SCHWALL 142-B EDGEWATER PARK AGE 22). THE OTHER BOY (FRANK MYERS OF 134-B EDGEWATER PARK TEL.#1(212)822-7621 AGE 13)HAD A NUMBER OF LACERATIONS AND WAS TRAMPLED BY THE CROWD IN THE RUSH FOR SAFETY. FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE COVERED THEIR WOUNDS AND PROVIDED OTHER MEDICAL ATTENTION AS WAS NECESSARY UNTIL THE THROGGS NECK VOL. AMBULANCE ARRIVED TO TAKE THE INJURED TO THE BRONX MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL JACOBI. AT THIS POINT FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE RETURNED TO HIS CHILDREN AND WENT HOME.

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10. WAS VICTIM REMOVED FROM: Immediate fire area XXXX Directly above fire _____
Other area (specify in detail):

11. DESCRIPTION OF ACT:

ON JULY 4, 1990 AT APPROXIMATELY 10 P.M. FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE WAS WALKING WITH TWO OF HIS SONS. THEY HAD STOPPED TO TALK TO A MR. & MRS. FEATHERSTONE 11-B EDGEWATER PARK TEL.#1(212)409-9224 WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE THROGGS NECK SECTION OF THE BRONX. ABOUT 75 YARDS FROM THEIR HOUSE (WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR THE WATER) A GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS AND TEENAGERS WERE LIGHTING FIREWORKS. THE GROUP HAD A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN THREE LARGE CARDBOARD BOXES MEASURING 24 X 24 X 36". THE EXACT CONTENTS ARE UNKNOWN BUT A GREAT DEAL OF THE MATERIAL WAS PROJECTILES DESIGNED TO BURST IN THE AIR. FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE WAS SPEAKING TO A MRS. PATRICIA LYNAM OF 163-C EDGEWATER PARK TEL.#1(212)863-3822 AND COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN; WHEN SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING ONE OF THE BOXES EXPLODED!

FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE LEAVING HIS CHILDREN WITH THE FETHERSTONES RACED DOWN TOWARDS THE EXPLOSION TO ASSIST THE CIVILIANS. PEOPLE WERE SCATTERED ALONG THE BOARDWALK AREA; SOME LYING DOWN TO AVOID THE ROCKETS AND OTHER PROPELLANTS THAT WERE DISCHARGING FROM THE OTHER TWO BOXES; OTHERS FROM BEING TRAMPLED IN THE RUSH FOR SAFETY. FIREFIGHTER MC ARDLE OBSERVED AND GRABBED A GARDEN HOSE FROM A NEIGHBORS HOUSE 17-B EDGEWATER PARK AND PROCEEDED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE TO PROTECT THE CIVILIANS STILL ON THE GROUND.

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13. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER PREPARING REPORT:

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| <u>Captain</u> | <u>Howard Kennedy</u> | <u>Haz-Mat Company #1</u> | <u>July 7, 1990</u> |
| Rank | Name | Unit | Date |

14. BATTALION CHIEF ENDORSEMENT: I was _____ at scene, observed act.

_____ at scene, did not observe act but investigated at scene.

_____ not at scene. Investigated.

Conclusion regarding facts of the Meritorious Act.

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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15. DEPUTY CHIEF ENDORSEMENT: I was _____ at scene, observed act.

_____ at scene, did not observe act but investigated at scene.

_____ not at scene. Investigated.

Conclusion regarding facts of the Meritorious Act.

RECOMMENDATION: CLASS I _____ CLASS II _____ CLASS III _____

SERVICE RATING A _____ B _____ FILE _____

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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Rank | Name | Unit | Date |



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Department Order No. 181

December 18, 1990



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BOARD OF MERIT

The following information records the action of the Board of Merit at a meeting held November 28, 1990:

APPROVED

| Date of Act 1990 | MERIT RATING CLASS II |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| July 29 | FF. James B. Steihl, L. 43 |
| Date of Act 1990 | MERIT RATING CLASS III |
| July 31 | FF. Kenneth C. Smith, L. 59 |
| Date of Act 1990 | SERVICE RATING "A" |
| June 10 | FF. Don P. Atlas, L. 23 |
| 27 | FF. Ronald R. Rotter, L. 40 |
| July 2 | FF. Gary J. Uellendahl, L. 112 |
| 4 | F.M. Dennis H. Fink, B.F.I. |
| 4 | FF. David F. Schleifer, L. 5 |
| 5 | FF. Michael L. Rizzi, L. 161 |
| 10 | FF. Christian H. Corbin L. 175 |
| 16 | FF. Steven J. Ruggirello, L. 80 |
| 24 | FF. Louis R. Piegare, L. 16 |
| 26 | FF. Steven J. DiMaggio, E. 50 |
| 26 | Lt. James C. Kane, B. 16 |
| 29 | FF. David P. Rowan, L. 43 |
| Aug. 3 | FF. Raymond M. Brown, Jr., R. 1 |
| 5 | FF. Prudencio Valle, L. 53 |
| 7 | FF. Warren T. Ward, L. 42 |
| 7 | FF. Daniel L. Saitta, L. 42 |
| 11 | FF. James J. Butkevich, L. 106 |
| Sept. 15 | Lt. Michael D. O'Keefe, B. 53 |
| Date of Act 1990 | SERVICE RATING "B" |
| Feb. 13 | FF. Richard J. Beuers, L. 132 |
| Mar. 10 | FF. Joseph J. Albanese, L. 169 |
| 12 | FF. Patrick J. O'Keefe, (1), L. 35 |
| May 17 | FF. John. J. Eccleston, E. 16 |
| 23 | FF. Peter G. Brady, L. 147 |
| June 9 | Lt. Charles F. Williams, L. 30 |
| 16 | Lt. Brian S. Gillen, L. 156 |
| 21 | FF. Brian Fitzgerald, L. 137 |
| 21 | FF. William G. Kalletta, L. 102 |
| 22 | Lt. Edward F. Geraghty, B. 38 |
| 23 | FF. Brian E. Bonsignore, L. 61 |
| 26 | Lt. William V. Beyer, E. 76 |
| July 4 | FF. Philip H. McArdle, H/M 1 |
| 8 | Lt. Richard G. Lee, E. 62 |
| 18 | FF. John R. Hessler, L. 41 |
| 21 | Lt. Girard D. Owens, E. 5 |
| 21 | FF. Philip J. Kelly, L. 154 |
| 24 | Lt. Anthony T. Costanzo, B. 9 |
| Aug. 3 | Lt. James P. Ellson, R. 1 |
| 5 | FF. Patrick J. Riordan, L. 53 |
| 5 | FF. Michael J. Kenney, L. 44 |
| 9 | FF. John J. Regan, L. 26 |

| Date of Act 1990 | SERVICE RATING "B" |
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| Aug. 11 | Capt. Peter S. Begley, D. 11 |
| 17 | FF. Joseph P. Doyle, E. 205 |
| 24 | FF. John D. Koch, L. 106 |
| 24 | FF. Raymond W. Mayr, L. 106 |
| 31 | FF. Kevin R. Korm, L. 169 |
| Sept. 6 | FF. Charles M. Frizziola, L. 78 |
| 14 | FF. Shaun P. O'Sullivan, E. 227 |

| Date of Act 1989 | MERITORIOUS ACTS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT |
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| Dec. 16 | FF. Richard C. Patterson, L. 54 |
| Date of Act 1990 | MERITORIOUS ACTS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT |
| Mar. 24 | FF. Robert K. Haring, R. 5 |
| June 5 | FF. Roy W. Chelsen, E. 28 |
| 25 | FF. Sean P. O'Malley, L. 13 |
| 25 | FF. John R. Fischer, L. 13 |
| 25 | FF. Mark J. Anderson, L. 22 |
| July 7 | FF. Paul G. Rifino, L. 117 |
| 9 | FF. James M. Calabrese, E. 47 |
| 15 | FF. Michael J. Killoran, L. 124 |
| 19 | FF. John P. Dunn, E. 245 |
| 19 | FF. Richard D. Danetti, E. 245 |
| 19 | FF. Patrick Geraghty, L. 159 |
| 19 | Lt. Paul Borgia, B. 33 |
| 19 | FF. Daniel T. Poore, L. 159 |
| 19 | FF. Phillip M. Cappadora, E. 309 |
| 19 | FF. John Errico, E. 246 |
| 19 | FF. Gerard M. Kochanski, L. 2 |
| 29 | FF. Louis M. Guzzo, E. 214 |
| 31 | FF. Michael C. Meagher, E. 248 |
| Aug. 8 | FF. Michael J. Killoran, L. 124 |
| 9 | FF. Ronald F. Darcy, E. 255 |
| 9 | FF. John A. Rubino, E. 245 |
| 21 | FF. Donald J. Taverner, M. 9 |
| Sept. 7 | FF. Richard C. Patterson, L. 54 |

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| Jan. 19 | FF. Harold J. McClutchy, E. 162 |
| July 2 | FF. John F. Carlucci, L. 112 |
| Aug. 11 | FF. Michael D. Chiarulli, E. 212 |
| 13 | FF. Darrell M. Bennett, L. 44 |
| 13 | FF. George T. Daley, L. 44 |
| 13 | FF. Christopher S. Fraser, L. 44 |
| 13 | Lt. Alexander Hagan, L. 44 |
| 13 | FF. Joseph F. Mahoney, L. 44 |
| 13 | FF. Sean P. O'Malley, L. 13 |
| 20 | FF. Allan F. Gieck, L. 37 |

| Date of Act 1990 | VOLUNTARY DUTY FILED |
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| July 2 | FF. Walter A. Searing, E. 230 |



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QUEENS NORTH FIRE COMMAND

December 20, 1990

To: Philip H. McArdle Firefighter/Haz. Mat. 1
 From: Joseph A. Casaburi Commander, Queens North Fire Command
 Subject: **CONGRATULATIONS - SERVICE RATING "B"**
 Ref.: Department Order #181 / 12-18-90

On behalf of the Queens North Fire Command Chiefs, Officers, and Firefighters, we wish to Congratulate you on your **SERVICE RATING "B"**, date of act, July 4, 1990.

By your actions and achievement, you provide an excellent example to all our Members.

Again, Congratulations.

Joseph A. Casaburi
 Commander, Queens North Fire Command

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cc: Division 14
 Battalion 46
 Co. Comm'r, Haz Mat. 1
 Personal File, FF McArdle
 Posting/Haz. Mat. 1
 File