

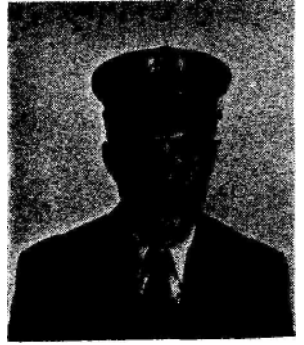
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AND DEPARTMENT MEDAL

Awarded to

Fireman 1st Grade Thomas Yasvin, Jr.
44th BATTALION AIDE

For rescuing a woman *from* a fire at 1849
Broadway, Brooklyn, on February 6, 1949.



T HIS fire first swept the front bedroom of the top-floor apartment of an old, 4-story tenement and spread with unusual rapidity. When Chief Herbert J. Downward of the 44th Battalion arrived with his aide, Fireman Yasvin, bystanders shouted that a woman was trapped in the burning apartment. Yasvin rushed up the stairs to the fourth floor and entered the flat, now a mass of smoke, heat and flames. He crawled on his hands and knees the length of a long hallway,

searching for the woman. On the floor of a bedroom at the end of the hallway, he found the inert form of Mrs. Rose Conde. Summoning his last reserve of strength and endurance, Yasvin seized the woman under the arms and half-dragged and half-carried the unconscious woman to safety. Fireman Yasvin made this rescue before the building was ventilated or a hose stream brought into operation on the fire.