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Grand Cordon.

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, K.B.E.

Second Class.

Sir John Gordon Nairne, Bt.

Whitehall, October 5, 1920.

The KING has been pleased to award the
Albert Medal to Fireman Thomas William
Brown, of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Fire
Brigade, in recognition of his gallantry in
saving life in the following circumstances:—

On the 23rd December, 1919, at about
4 p.m., a fire, which speedily attained serious
proportions, broke out at Cross House, West-
gate Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the base-
ment of the building, where cases containing
a large quantity of cinematograph films were
stored, and flames were quickly shooting up
the lift shaft and the staircase.

The work of the Fire Brigade was performed
under most difficult and dangerous conditions,
owing to the great heat, noxious fumes and ex-
plosions caused by the burning films. Flames
were already shooting across the street on one
side of the building when the Brigade arrived
on the scene within a few seconds of the call
having been received, and it was from the
windows of the upper floors that a large
number of the rescues were effected; the action
of Fireman Thomas William Brown in reach-
ing the top of the building by means of a hook
ladder being an outstanding feature of the
work of rescue.

A 50 ft. fire escape had been pitched on one
side of the building, and Brown, having
ascended the escape, fastened to a window on
the fourth floor a 14 ft. hook ladder which he
carried, and by this means enabled thirteen
persons to escape. He then threw up the
hook ladder to the main cornice above, which
projected 2½ feet from the building, and with
great coolness and daring ascended to the
parapet, where he effected the rescue of three
other persons by making fast the hook ladder
in another position and attaching it to a 65 ft.
escape. There was great risk of the hook
slipping while the Fireman was ascending the
ladder some 70 feet from the ground, seeing
that by reason of the overhang of the cornice
the ladder was clear of the wall.