

Working Fires and Multiple Alarms

1/7	W/F-147	106 Parsons Rd
1/8	W/F-64	Maguier & Jones
1/9	W/F-62	92 Danforth St
1/14	W/F-813	38 Bramhall St
1/15	W/F-34	155 Pearl St
1/24	W/F-315	145 Cumberland Av
1/25	W/F-45	49 Exchange St
2/1	W/F-924	Evergreen Cemetery Office
2/10	2-43	Portland Pr
2/18	W/F-815	308 Danforth St
2/19	W/F-47	210 Federal St
2/22	W/F-415	26 Cotton St
2/28	W/F-812	2 St John St
3/9	W/F-825+	55 Salem St
3/11	W/F-53	11 Shepley St lf
3/22	2-84	107-11 Clark St
4/7	W/F-156	960 Ocean Av
4/21	W/F-32	24 Wilmot St
4/22	W/F-5	477 Congress St
5/3	W/F-312	73 Wilmot St
5/4	W/F-35	48 Stone St
5/9	W/F-25+	32 North St
5/16	2-413	79 Cross St
5/17	2-43	350-2 Fore St
5/19	2-323	84 North St
5/21	W/F-939	102-4 Bell St
5/24	W/F-75	44 Gilman St
6/11	W/F-5	30 Preble St
6/15	W/F-412	9 Union St
6/25	W/F-912	641 Forest Av
7/9	2-75	905-11 Congress St
8/5	W/F-519	127-9 Grant St
9/25	W/F-42	43-9 Pearl St
9/29	2-42	45 Market St
10/5	2-531	566½ Congress St
10/10	2-412	9 Union St
10/11	2-36	1785 Washington Av
10/21	W/F-58	16 Deering St
10/23	W/F-62	68 Danforth St
10/27	W/F-27	8 Commercial St
11/7	W/F-7422	1928 Congress St
11/23	W/F-46	392 Congress St
11/23	W/F-83	88 Brackett St
11/24	W/F-415	484 Fore St
11/29	W/F-53	585 Congress St
12/11	W/F-35	88 Chestnut St
12/12	W/F-62	94 Danforth ST
12/12	W/F-522	535 Parriss St
12/17	W/F-261	r125 Monument St
12/19	W/F-752	119 Warwick St
12/21	W/F-145	12 Irving St
12/21	W/F-825+	33 Clark St
12/21	W/F-34	188 Pearl St
12/26	W/F-75	23-5 Boynton St
12/27	W/F-83	213-7 York St
12/29	2-716	17-9 Powsland St
12/30	W/F-132	58 Bayview St

William R. Read, 70, Deputy Fire Department Chief, Dies

Had Been Hospital
Patient Two Weeks

William R. Read, 70, of 528 Deering Avenue, three years deputy chief of the Portland Fire Department, and a fireman here 51 years, died Friday evening in the Maine General Hospital, where he had been a patient two weeks.

Chief Read joined the Deering Fire Department soon after he was graduated from Deering High School in 1889. He first was a member of Engine Eight and at the time Deering was annexed to Portland was a captain. He continued in this capacity until he was made district deputy in 1910 and stationed at Engine Eight. In February, 1939, he was appointed deputy chief.

He was born April 3, 1872, on Chapel Street, son of William Goff Read and Lucy Runnells Read, and always resided here. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and president of the Odd Fellows Hall Company of Deering.

Surviving are his widow, Marion Walton Read; son, Comdr. Walter R. Read, USN, on duty at the West Coast; a daughter, Mrs. Howard S. Robinson, Westfield, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Helen Read Woodbury, Asheville, N. C.; and five grandchildren.



William R. Read

Lella J. and Petra Read of California, and William R., Shepard P., and John W. Robinson, of Westfield, Mass.

Funeral services will be held Sunday in the Clark Memorial Methodist Church.

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1942 Loss By Fire Here Off 53.05 P. C.

Department Now Has 36 Vacancies

Fire losses in Portland in 1942, second lowest in 40 years, amounted to \$109,532.79 or 53.05 per cent less than in 1941, according to an annual report submitted Monday by Fire Chief Oliver T. Sanborn to the City Council. In 30 of the year's fires losses were greater than \$1,000, the report revealed.

As a result of an unprecedented loss in manpower, the department had an unexpended balance of \$21,745.07 from its appropriation of \$260,273.72 for 1942. Firefighting forces now are 31.5 per cent below normal strength with 36 vacancies and six men on the sick list, the chief said.

The annual report recommended the adoption of a Fire Prevention and Explosive Ordinance.

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1942 Fire Loss Here Is Off 53.05 Per Cent.

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ance and the construction of a fire station in the Rosemont area. Sanborn said that both these recommendations had been made many times in previous years and that the realization of them would give the city a Class A insurance rating.

The principal cause of alarms was chimney fires of which 319 were registered during the year. Listed as cause of alarms were rats and matches, lightning, grease on the stove, attempted arson, a hot poker, hot ashes, a candle, carelessness and meat in the oven.

Portland Public Library

PORTLAND

621 Congress and Branch 14 Pleasant Avenue

Incorporated 1867. Moved into present building, given by Hon. James P. Baxter, Feb. 21, 1889. Previously located in the City Building.

Stanley W. Fogg, treasurer; Grace M. Trappan, librarian.

Hours: 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. daily except July and August.

July and August:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Wednesday and Saturday: 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Fire Department

PORTLAND

Headquarters, Central Fire Station, 380 Congress

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Oliver T. Sanborn, chief engineer; deputy chief, William H. Road; Charles F. Feeney, district chief; Frank P. Carr, unattached capt.

FIRE ALARM—118 Federal, Fred W. Barnes, supt.

ENGINE 1—380 Congress, Laurence H. Murray, capt.

ENGINE 2—134 Congress, Harry W. Marr, capt.

ENGINE 3—176 Brackett, Carl E. Elfstrom, capt.

ENGINE 4—157 Spring, Thomas S. Murdock, capt.

ENGINE 5—380 Congress, Frank J. Mullins, capt.

ENGINE 6—295 Park av. Thomas A. Mulhern, capt.

ENGINE 7 (Fire Boat)—60 Portland Pier, Thomas A. Burgess, capt.

ENGINE 8—536 Deering av. Robert H. Flaherty, capt.

ENGINE 9—9-11 Arbor, George W. I. Stevens, Stephen A. Dow, capt.

CHEMICAL 1—380 Congress, Arthur J. Murdock, capt.

LADDER 1—380 Congress, Edward M. Hopkins, capt.

LADDER 3—163 Brackett, John H. Mullins, capt.

LADDER 4—9-11 Arbor.

LADDER 5—380 Congress, Dwight F. Tinkham, capt.

LADDER 6—295 Park av. Elmer B. Freeman, capt.

ENGINE 11—570 Ocean av. Michael J. Carlson, capt.

ENGINE 12—Peaks Island, William S. Berry, capt.

Portland Fire Alarm Boxes

131 Wash av and Veranda
132 Presumpscot near True
133 Olympia and Veranda
134 Wash and Ocean avs
135 Wash av and Ray
136 Wash av near Riverside school
137 Wash and Allen avs
138 Allen av near Col. Moore's
139 Auburn near Lambert
141 Veranda near GTR bridge
142 Wash av and Presumpscot
145 Ocean av and Codman
146 Ocean av and Rosedale
147 Codman and Clifton
151 Ocean av and Walton
152 Ocean av and Sawyer
153 Wash av and Inverness
154 Portland Rendering Co
155 Ocean av and Read
156 Ocean av near True
157 Edgewood and Wash av
158 Wash av and Fall Brook
159 Presumpscot and St Charles
161 Windsor and Kensington
162 Huntington av and Van Vechten
163 Ray and Idaho
164 Maine av and Ray
165 Allen av and Ray
166 Jackson and Summit
167 235 Auburn
168 Wash and Highland avs
171 Florida av at Perry School
172 Summit near Allen av

21 Vesper and Eastern prom
23 Wilson and Wunjoy
24 Fore and Waterville
25 Engine house head North
26 Adams and Mountfort
27 India and Coml
28 Cong and India
29 Franklin and Coml
211 Moody and Eastern prom
212 Cong and Vesper
213 Sheridan and Monument
214 Newbury and India
231 St Lawrence and Gilbert lane
232 Monument and Atlantic
241 Fore and Mountfort
242 Portland Co (private)
261 Cong and Mountfort

31 Mayo and Oxford
32 Wilnot and Cumb av
33 No School
34 Lancaster and Pearl
35 Oxford and Chestnut
36 Preble and Oxford
37 Elm and Cumb av
312 Lancaster and Franklin
313 Anderson and Lancaster
314 Cumb av and Myrtle
315 Anderson and Cumb av
316 Cumb av and Sheridan
317 Wash av and Eastern prom
318 Emerson and Melbourne
321 Howard and Turner
322 Merrill and Quebec
323 North and Montreal
324 Wash av and Oxford
325 Fox and Hammond
326 Franklin and Fox

4 Middle and Franklin
41 Fore and Custom House
42 Pearl opp Milk
43 Market and Coml
44 Middle and Plum
45 Middle and Exchange
46 Central Fire Station, Cong
47 Federal and Temple
48 Franklin and Cong
412 Union and Fore
413 Middle and Free
414 Coml and Center
415 Fore and Center
421 Church and Newbury
423 Market and Newbury
424 Blue App Bldg, Federal
425 Federal and Pearl
441 Falmouth Hotel
443 Coml and Plum
451 Fore and Dana
5 Cong opp Preble
51 Kennebec and Preble
52 Portland and Parris
53 Cong near Oak
54 Cumb and Forest avs
55 Forest and Park avs
56 Forest av and Kennebec
57 High and Grant
58 Deering and Henry
59 Brown and Free
512 Cong and Pine
513 Cumb av and State
514 Cong and Walker

515 Mellen and Sherman
518 Park av and State
519 Deering av and Grant
521 Cumb av and Casco
522 Hanover and Lancaster
531 Cong and Brown

6 South and Spring
61 York and Maple
62 High and Danforth
63 Engine 4 House, Spring near State
64 Coml and Park
65 Park and Pleasant
67 York and Tyng
68 State and Danforth
621 High and Congress
622 Congress and Park
631 Spring and Oak
632 Spring and Winter
641 Freight shed foot State
642 MCRR Coal Pocket, foot State

7 Deering av and Falmouth
71 Park av and Weymouth
72 St John and Washburn av
73 Cong and Lowell
74 St John and A
75 Cong and Gilman
76 Payson and Granite
77 Washburn and Deering avs

78 Park av and St James
712 Douglass and Cong
713 Brighton and Stevens avs
714 Thompson's Pt, M C shops
715 Capisle and Frost
710 Cong opp Powsland
717 Cong and Stevens av
718 Bradley and Dirigo
721 Brighton av and Noyes
722 Brighton av and William
723 Congress and Brewer
724 Congress, Stroudwater
7241 Westbrook, S of Cong
7242 Cong, W of Westbrook
7243 Westbrook, N of Cong
725 Capisle and Riverview
726 Capisle and Cobb
731 Deering av & Dartmouth
732 Brighton av and Orland
733 Hollis and Prospect

PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Civilian Defense Auxiliary Units

ORGANIZED: 1942

DISBANDED: C 1946

On December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan. The United States then declared a state of war and many citizens, including several Portland firefighters, joined the armed services. This also left the Portland Fire Department understaffed and Engine Co. 3 and Ladder Co. 5 were out of service.

On February 13, 1942, steps were taken by Maine's county fire administrators to establish a civilian defense program of school instruction in fire fighting to assist fire departments in the event of a disaster during enemy air raids during World War II and major fires.

The administrators, working under supervision of Portland Fire Chief Oliver T. Sanborn, appointed an executive committee to study and develop a comprehensive instructional system. Suggestions were made to this group from the Massachusetts Department of Education, and outlines were drawn up of what was accomplished from their state to Maine's fire chiefs.

Shortly after, Federal funds were received to purchasing equipment needed to establish Civil Defense Units, and 19 Auxiliary Companies were formed.

The Auxiliary Apparatus consisted of the following:

- 7 Trucks, with 500gpm trailer pumps
- 6 Trucks, with 500gpm front-end pumps
- 4 Trucks, carrying skid pumps
- 1 Hose & chemical combination truck (old 1921 Hose 6 or 9)
- 1 Hose & booster truck (old 1925 Mack Chemical 1)

By 1946, the auxiliary companies were rarely activated, as the war was over and additional men were added to the fire department. The Auxiliary Units have never officially been deactivated.

Civilian Defense Auxiliary – Chief Officers

1st Auxiliary Assistant Chief – Perley P. Milliken

Auxiliary Assistant Chiefs – John A Tonneson
Roy E. St. Clair
J. Hartley Kennedy
Kenneth W. Berry

Civil Defense Auxiliary Companies

Co.	Location	Address
No. 1.	Congress Square Garage	50-52 Forest Avenue, between Congress & Cumberland
No. 2.	Rosemont Garage	623 Brighton Avenue, corner of Westminster Avenue
No. 3.	Truck Leasing Garage	59-69 Preble Street, between Cumberland and Portland sts.
No. 4.	Portland Water District	221 Douglass Street, near the corner of Brighton Avenue
No. 5.	Transport Co. Garage	370 Forest Avenue, near corner of Falmouth Street
No. 6.	Engine 9 – Firehouse	9-11 Arbor Street, near Morrill’s Corner
No. 7.	Boothby Home	Brighton Avenue
No. 8.	North Deering	Unknown
No. 9.	Grant Street Garage	104 Grant Street, between Mellen St. and Deering Ave.
No. 10.	Engine 8 - Firehouse	536 Deering Ave., Woodfords Corner (District 2 Quarters)
No. 11.	P.V.F.A. Building	30 South Street, corner of Spring Street (old Casco E-1)
No. 12.	Engine 2 - Firehouse	134 Congress Street, Munjoy Hill
No. 13.	India Street Garage	73 India Street (Grand Trunk Garage)
No. 14.	Central Fire Station	380 Congress Street, between Market and Pearl streets
No. 15.	Engine 4 - Firehouse	157 Spring Street, near State Street (District 1 Quarters)
No. 16.	Old Hose 6 - Firehouse	47 Burnham Street, near Lowell Street
No. 17.	Central Maine R.R. Garage	242 St. John Street
No. 18.	Deering St. Dirigo Garage	510 Cumberland Avenue (rear entrance to Deering St.)
No. 19.	Engine 11 - Firehouse	479 Ocean Avenue, East Deering

Auxiliary Apparatus and Equipment

Co. Year – Make – Model – Type – Other Information

No. 1. 1942 Chevrolet, with a 500gpm front-end pump

No. 2.

No. 3.

No. 4.

No. 5. 1921 Reo hose & chemical combination (old Hose 6 or 9, formerly Hose Tender 4 or 8)

No. 6. 1942 Chevrolet, with a 500gpm front-end pump

No. 7.

No. 8.

No. 9.

No. 10.

No. 11.

No. 12.

No. 13.

No. 14.

No. 15.

No. 16.

No. 17.

No. 18.

No. 19.
