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Articles on Historic Firefighting Equipment

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## **Edinburgh Corporation Gallantry Medal:**

**Captain William Martin**

**David Tait**

**Greenside Accident 1877**

These medals were two of the 20 presented to firemen who attended the fire and subsequent collapse of the building at Greenside Street in December 1877.

The fire swept through the upper floors of the Commercial Hotel, this was extinguished by the firemen but early next morning the tenement to the rear of the hotel collapsed.

Six people were killed and many others trapped in the ruins, the rescues and recovery of the bodies continued over an extended period under very hazardous conditions.



Presented by Mr Ross Wyllie, NORWICH (Captain William Martin)

Presented by Leading Fireman J.Black, Liberton Fire Station (David Tait)