



MEDAL: Fire Brigade Medal for Valour - Edinburgh

Fireman John Ovenstone

The Citation reads,

“At 3.40pm on 23rd July 1914, a call was received to a fire at Saughton Mains Farm, just beyond the City Boundary. It was stated that several lives were in danger and that a child had already been burnt to death. The steamer from Angle Park and a motor from H.Q. were sent on. On arrival it was found the house, a two storey building 30ft. By 20ft. used as dwelling houses for farm hands was well alight on the top floor and the people had been driven out except for a child lying on a bed in the burning room who was dead.

Fireman Ovenstone entered the building, ascended to the burning room on the top floor, groped his way to the bed where he found the child, which was only a few weeks old and brought it out of the building alive and well. The child has since recovered from the shock.

Fireman Ovenstone is at present serving in the Fleet, having been called up for service on the outbreak of war”.

