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BRUSH FIRE VALOR IS REWARDED.
National CCC Head Issues Awards To
Victims Of Blaze.

Certificates of valor have been issued by Robert Fechner, national director of the Civilian Conservation Corps at Washington, D.C. to Ernest R. Tippin and Walter James, two of the five youths who were burned to death during the Orovida brush fire on Friday, July 28, of this year in the costliest disaster in Humboldt county history.

GIVEN CERTIFICATES.

The announcement was received in Winnemucca today in a special dispatch from Alexander McQueen, supervisor of the Toiyabe national forest. Certificates were issued to Tippin, a project assistant for Camp Paradise, and Walter James. Both were enrollees in Company 1212, Camp F-5, Paradise Valley.

The awards were made in recognition of the act of valor in attempting to save an injured member of their party. At the inquest into the boys' deaths and government investigations, it was found that Tippin turned into the fire in an effort to save the lives of two others while James also sought to save the lives of other firefighters and in doing so was burned to death himself.

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS.

The awards were posthumous and were presented to the parents of the two boys. Tippin made his home in Oswego, Kan., while James made his home in Ridgewood, N.Y.

Other boys losing their lives were George J. Kennedy, New York City, N.Y.; Frank W. Barker, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Frank J. Vitale, Brooklyn. All were enrollees at Camp Paradise.