

5 SLAIN POLICEMEN CITED FOR AWARDS; Posthumous Medals Will Be Presented by La Guardia at Ceremony Next Month HONORS FOR 21 OTHERS Surviving Heroes of Hold-Ups and Rescues Chosen From 34 on 1937 Bravery List Department Medal of Honor Department Medal of Honor Police Combat Cross Rhineland Medal for Valor Isaac Bell Medal for Bravery Peter F. Meyer Medal Brooklyn Citizens Medal for Valor Walter Scott Medal for Valor Martin J. Sheridan Medal for Valor Daniel B. Freedman Medal Charles H. Sabin Medal William McLean Freemarn Medal for Valor LeRoy W. Baldwin Medal Ernest Fahnestock Medal National Surety Medal for Valor Bronx County Grand Jurors Association Medal for Valor M. J. Delebanty Medal for Valor Sherman Day Medal for Valor MEMBERS KILLED IN ACTION HONORED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Police Commissioner Valentine announced yesterday the posthumous award of the Department Medal of Honor to five members of the Police Department who were killed in the line of duty in 1937. At the same time he announced in a general order twenty-one other awards of medals to members of the department, including one department Medal of Honor. The winners of these awards, which also include five police combat crosses and fifteen medals donated by citizens and civic groups, were selected from thirty-four members of the department who in 1937 had received honorable mention for extraordinary police service. The medals carry added weight in civil service examinations, as follows: Department Medal of Honor, 2 per cent; Police Combat Cross, 1.75 per cent; other medals, 1.5 per cent. Mayor La Guardia will present the medals to the next of kin, in the case of the posthumous awards, and to the surviving members of the department in a ceremony at City Hall at a date not yet fixed, but probably late in May. At the same

and the others were subsequently located and arrested. A fifth man who acted in concert with the others was also subsequently arrested. All were convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be executed.

Detective Arthur J. DeMarrais Jr., Eighty-eighth Squad. While on duty Nov. 7, 1937, was directed to proceed to a dwelling at 90 Clifton Place, Brooklyn, where a man was attempting to assault a woman with a metal pipe. In attempting to take the weapon from this man a struggle ensued during which he attempted to wrest the detective's revolver from him and bit him about the face and neck. The prisoner attempted to escape and Detective DeMarrais shot and wounded him and he was removed to a hospital. Detective DeMarrais was taken to a hospital and died several hours later after an emergency operation.

Patrolman Joseph J. McBreen, Emergency Service Squad 10. Aug. 11, 1937, responded with the Emergency Service Squad to a two-story building at 1-3-5 New Street, New Brighton, S. I., which had become inundated in a strong current of several feet of water due to a severe rainstorm, marooning the twenty-one occupants, including a number of children. Patrolman McBreen gained entrance to the building by crossing a ladder supported by another patrolman from a window in the adjoining premises and when he was about to effect the rescue of several persons, the building collapsed, burying all in the debris. He and eighteen of the occupants were suffocated and their bodies were recovered several hours later.

Patrolman John H. A. Wilson, First Precinct. Sept. 23, 1937, on patrol duty, proceeded to a building at 65 Fulton Street, Manhattan, where, he was informed, three men armed with pistols were perpetrating a hold-up in a shop on the second floor. Upon being assaulted from behind and thrown to the floor by one of the bandits he exchanged shots with the three of them, and, although seriously wounded, followed them into the hallway of the premises, where he collapsed. Patrolman Wilson died in the hospital the same day. Two discarded revolvers were recovered near the scene of the crime and two suspects are now in custody.

Patrolman Edward P. Lynch, Twentieth Precinct, Dec. 7, 1937, while off duty in civilian clothes, encountered a man prowling in the driveway of a dwelling at 3,250 Fenton Avenue, Bronx. In the attempt to capture this prowler, shots were exchanged, and Patrolman Lynch was shot and died prior to the arrival of an

Police Combat Cross

Acting Captain Richard A. Fennelly and Detectives Raymond F. Maguire, Francis T. Cassidy, Walter Casey and Joseph J. Reynolds, Main Office. After having had six notorious criminals under surveillance for several months, arrested on March 18, 1937, two of them who were loading a truck with valuable merchandise which they had stolen from a loft in a building at 230 West Twenty-ninth Street, and another who had remained outside the building. They then accosted the three others as they were emerging and when two of them drew weapons they were shot and killed and the other was wounded. The surviving criminals were subsequently convicted and sentenced to long terms in prison.

Rhineland Medal for Valor

Detective John R. Gallagher, Ninth Squad, April 10, 1937, in the restaurant hold-up at 144 Second Avenue, Manhattan, with Detective Foley. He pursued and captured two of the bandits after Foley was shot.

Isaac Bell Medal for Bravery

Patrolman George Maurer Jr., Twenty-fifth Precinct. May 29, 1937, while off duty in civilian clothes and in a store at 2,112 Lexington Avenue, three hold-up men entered. Upon being ordered to the rear with the other patrons and threatened by one of the hold-up men, he drew his revolver and shot and killed him. The two other bandits fled into the rear, and, after Patrolman Maurer fired several shots at them they surrendered.

Peter F. Meyer Medal

Patrolman Carl C. A. Lagergren, Thirty-fourth Precinct. Dec. 25, 1937, while on duty in a booth, heard a scream and saw a woman struggling in the Harlem River at 225th Street and Broadway, dived into the water and brought the struggling woman under control and swam with her to the bulkhead. He was taken to a hospital suffering from submersion and exposure.

Brooklyn Citizens Medal for Valor

Patrolman Vincent J. Driscoll, Emergency Squad 11. Dec. 3, 1937, responded with

Patrolman Driscoll, 111 West Fourth Street and the beach, Coney Island

Walter Scott Medal for Valor

Patrolman Thomas Lawrence, Seventh Precinct. Jan. 11, 1937, on patrol duty, was fired upon by a hold-up man who, with another, was escaping from a store at 9½ Essex Street. He drew his service revolver and shot and killed the bandit.

Martin J. Sheridan Medal for Valor

Patrolman Edward F. Larkin Jr., Fourteenth Precinct (was attached to Nineteenth Division, Office of Chief Inspector, at time of occurrence). May 6, 1937, while off duty in civilian clothes, in a barber shop at 357½ West Fourteenth Street, two hold-up men entered, one of them armed with a pistol. Upon being ordered with others to the rear of the store, the patrolman gained access to the street through a hallway and accosted the bandits as they were emerging. An accomplice who had remained outside the premises fired several shots at Patrolman Larkin and, in an exchange of shots with the bandits, he wounded and arrested one of them.

Daniel B. Freedman Medal

Detective Jeremiah F. Lake, Ninety-second Squad. June 9, 1937, while near North Sixth and Havemeyer Streets, Brooklyn, had four suspicious men under surveillance. When they entered a store at 49 Havemeyer Street he followed them inside and found a hold-up in progress. The detective then covered them with his service revolver. All were convicted and sentenced to long terms.

Charles H. Sabin Medal.

Patrolman John R. Rindos, Nineteenth Precinct. May 9, 1937, on radio motor patrol duty, went to the East River at the foot of Sixty-second Street, Manhattan, where a woman had jumped overboard. Although the swift current had carried her 150 feet from the dock, Patrolman Rindos and another patrolman dived into the water and brought her to safety.

William McLean Freeman Medal for Valor

Patrolman James J. Judge, Nineteenth Precinct. May 9, 1937, on duty with Rindos in river rescue.

LEROY W. Baldwin Medal

Detective Charles A. Barts, Twenty-eighth Squad. Aug. 12, 1937, on cruiser radio motor patrol duty, went to an apartment at 201 West 120th Street, where five armed men were holding up the women occupants. Upon entering the apartment with a patrolman he shot and killed one of the bandits who attempted to shoot him.

National Surety Medal for Valor

Patrolman John M. Bou, First Precinct. Jan. 29, 1937, on strike duty near Old Slip and South Street, went to Pier 8, East River, where a man had fallen overboard. He jumped into the water and held the man afloat until assisted to the pier by other patrolmen.

Bronx County Grand Jurors Association Medal for Valor

Detective Thomas J. Killoran, Forty-fourth Squad, May 13, 1937, proceeded with another detective to an apartment house at 1,859 Walton Avenue, the Bronx, where two men were attempting a hold-up. A struggle ensued during which Detective Killoran was assaulted and he shot and killed one of the bandits. The other bandit was arrested on May 17, 1937.

M. J. Delehanty Medal for Valor

Patrolman Dennis F. Brown, Nineteenth Precinct (temporarily assigned to Nineteenth Division at time of occurrence). Nov. 5, 1937, on special duty, in uniform, at the Ferry House at East River and Seventy-eighth Street, dived into the water, where he saw a woman struggling about forty feet from the pier. With difficulty, due to the strong current, he swam with the woman to the pier, where other patrolmen assisted him.

Sherman Day Medal for Valor

Patrolman Carmine W. Tramutola, Twentieth Precinct. July 8, 1937, on patrol duty, entered a store at 61 Columbus Avenue being held up by two armed men. During an exchange of shots, the bandits fled, pursued by Patrolman Tramutola. He was joined by another patrolman, and, after a further exchange of shots the bandits were disarmed and arrested.

Two Police Medals for Valor; Sergeant and Patrolman; Sergeant and Patrolman of

...the Bronx County Grand Jurors Association

Eddie Cantor was obliged to cancel a rehearsal at the Winter Garden. Hearing System as well as tonight because of influenza. He will remain in his room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel under the care of a physician and his temperature was 101.4, it was said.

The comedian was tired but went to the Winter Garden physician and then to the studio. His temperature at 1 p. m. was 101. The service of the comedian in the benefit of the "March of Time" show starts a great philanthropic movement and he was ordered to rest. He is said to be very disappointed. He will be replaced by a comedian.

'CARMEN' CAST

Special Performance

A special performance of "Carmen" will be given at the Hippodrome Opera House of the Hippodrome Opera House of the Hippodrome Opera Association, which has been committed to the H: La C. of Public Works, will be contracted to the gathering.

The cast will be headed by Hilda Burke, singing the title role, Armand Tokatyan as José, Arthur Kent as Escamillo and Marie Wilkins, all successfully singing their roles were Alice Hall, as Micaela, Angelini and Molle. A