POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

New York, April 6, 1964.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 11.

DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITION

Departmental Recognition is awarded to the following members of the Force for meritorious conduct performed in the line of duty:

HONORABLE MENTION (POSTHUMOUS)

(Name to be placed on Tablet at Police Headquarters)

Detective Donald Rolker, Shield No. 18, 18th Squad. At about 11:20 p.m., November 27, 1963, off duty, was shot and killed while attempting to arrest four youths for assault and robbery in subway train.

HONORABLE MENTION

Patrolman Harold Cassel, Shield No. 9023, Limited Duty Section (was assigned to 44th Precinct at time of occurrence). At about 6.30 p.m., May 6, 1963, on patrol, was attacked by a man at 179th Street and Jerome Avenue, Bronx. The assailant tore the officers gun from holster and fired six shots at him, wounding him in the eye, chest and hand. Although suffering from these wounds, in addition to a fractured ankle, **Patrolman Cassel** fought off his assailant with his night baton. The assailant was arrested at the scene and is now confined to an institution for the criminal insane.

EXCEPTIONAL MERIT

Patrolman Gerald Vassilatos, Shield No. 22338, Youth Patrol Unit, Manhattan South. At about 4:00 p.m., October 12, 1963, on radio motor patrol, arrested three suspects at East 11th Street, Manhattan. One prisoner was disarmed of a loaded gun after an exchange of shots. Another patrolman who participated in this case has been awarded in these orders.

COMMENDATION

Captain Frank E. Weldon, 4th Detective District, **Sergeants James H. Harding,** Shield No. 75, 22nd Precinct and **Edward Hage,** Shield No. 910, 20th Precinct, **Detective John Thompson,** Shield No. 2104, 20th Squad, **Patrolmen Michael Giovaniello,** Shield No. 13341 and **Edward Sampel,** Shield So. 18768, 20th Precinct. At about 5:15 p.m., May 21, 1963, disarmed and arrested a man in possession of a loaded rifle after he had fired several shots at the officers.

Lieutenant Robert T. McLaughlin, Sergeant Jacob Klein, Shield No. 1349, **Detectives Adolph J. Alessi,** Shield No. 1254, **Alfred Halikias,** Shield No. 2703, **Robert Shanley,** Shield No. 20, and **Anthony Procino,** Shield No. 2704, District Attorney's Office Squad, New York County. After one year's investigation, beginning on December 26, 1962, arrested 38 men for several crimes of conspiracy to murder, hi-jacking, abortion and grand larceny.