

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

New York, February 11, 1963.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

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)

(Names to be Placed on Tablet at Police Headquarters)

Detectives Luke J. Fallon, Shield No. 489 and John P. Finnegan, Shield No. 1613, 70th Squad (both deceased May 18, 1962). At about 8:45 p.m., May 18, 1962, Detectives Luke J. Fallon and John P. Finnegan were fatally wounded in a gun duel with the perpetrators of an armed robbery in a tobacco company at 1167 48th Street, Brooklyn.

Patrolmen Nicholas Panico, Shield No. 21270, 62nd Precinct (deceased August 31, 1962) and Robert J. Byrnes, Shield No. 1106, 94th Precinct (deceased September 4, 1962). At about 10:45 p.m., August 31, 1962, on patrol at West 25th Street and Boardwalk, Brooklyn, Patrolmen Panico and Byrnes were fatally shot by a man who had previously shot three other persons, one fatally.

HONORABLE MENTION

Sergeant Michael Egnatchik, Shield No. 273, 104th Precinct. At about 10:05 a.m., August 13, 1962, off duty, disarmed and arrested a man who had stabbed three female social workers (one fatally) in a mental hygiene clinic at 150-11 Hillside Avenue, Queens.

Sergeant Edward Gecewicz, Shield No. 367, 72nd Precinct, Patrolmen Herbert Nolan, Shield No. 15571, Emergency Service Squad No. 6 and Joseph P. Keenan, Shield No. 4131, 88th Precinct (was Probationary Patrolmen assigned to Police Academy at time of occurrence). At about 11 p.m., August 31, 1962, exchanged several shots with a man who had previously shot and killed two patrolmen and shot three other persons. Patrolman Nolan donned a bullet-proof vest, walked toward him and when he refused to surrender, shot and killed him.

Patrolmen James Henderson, Shield No. 21917 and Philip Gerard, Shield No. 15304, 23rd Precinct. At about 8:10 a.m., June 18, 1962, on radio motor patrol, shot and killed a man fleeing the scene of an armed robbery he had committed in a supermarket at 718 Columbus Avenue, Manhattan. The prisoner had fired several shots at the officers before being apprehended. Three guns were recovered by the officers.