

163 GET CITATIONS FOR POLICE WORK

**Awards Are Made for Bravery
and Excellent Performance
in Line of Duty**

THREE WHO DIED TOP LIST

**Posthumous Honors Go to Men
Who Lost Their Lives
in Recent Months**

Police Commissioner Valentine released yesterday the names of 163 members of his department cited for bravery and excellent police duty. Three of those honored in general orders died in the line of duty.

Topping the list was the name of Detective Joseph A. Miccio of 2386 East Twenty-first Street. He was fatally wounded in a pistol battle. Other posthumous awards went to Patrolman Christopher Hughes of 28-27 Forty-fourth Street, Astoria, Queens; and Patrolman Pasquale J. Venturelli of 3015 Bouck Avenue, the Bronx.

The names of these three will be inscribed on the honor tablet in the lobby of police headquarters.

The list of those receiving honorable mention, with the official citations, follows:

Detective Joseph A. Miccio, Seventy-eighth Squad, Eighteenth Division. On Dec. 7, 1942, while on duty in Brooklyn, encountered two men acting in a suspicious manner and in an ensuing struggle was shot in the chest. The gunmen fled in a stolen automobile but were arrested later. Detective Miccio died the following day. The two prisoners have been indicted for murder, first degree. Other members of the force who participated in the capture are being awarded departmental recognition.

Patrolman Christopher Hughes, Seventeenth Precinct. The night of Jan. 21, 1943, went into a garage on East Forty-seventh Street to arrest an armed man who was reported to have threatened to kill another. When ordered to surrender, the gunman opened fire, wounding the patrolman three times. Patrolman Hughes returned the fire, wounding his assailant, who was later arrested. The patrolman died the following day.

Patrolman Pasquale J. Venturelli, Forty-fifth Precinct. On radio motor patrol in the Bronx, on the night of Jan. 23, last, pursued a stolen automobile, occupied by three men, down Carroll Street. The radio car was swerved to avoid a collision, forcing the fleeing car upon the sidewalk. Patrolman Venturelli jumped on the running board of the stolen automobile, which sped away and crashed into a pole near William Avenue, killing Patrolman Venturelli. The three men were arrested and now await trial on a charge of homicide.

Detectives Bradley Hammond and Walter S. Curtayne, Eighteenth Squad, Eighteenth Division. On Dec. 24, 1942, they were told that a man was attempting to pawn a stolen camera at 1149 Sixth Avenue, Manhattan. The suspect shot and seriously wounded Detective Hammond. As the gunman fled, he turned and fired at Detective Curtayne who felled him with a shot. Five other persons later were arrested with loot from robberies in Queens. Detective Hammond was still on sick report.

Patrolman Louis J. Cannavale Jr., Eightieth Precinct. On Sept. 28, 1942, while on patrol went to the rescue of a man trapped in a burning projection booth in a theatre in Brooklyn. Patrolman Cannavale dragged the unconscious man to the trapdoor of the booth and, with the aid of firemen, removed him to safety. Patrolman Cannavale suffered smoke poisoning. He is still on sick report. One of the firemen died from smoke poisoning.

Patrolman Vincent C. Wood, Twenty-second Precinct. On Dec. 7, 1942, while on special assignment in a Park Department automobile with a Park Department employe in Central Park, Manhattan, heard shouts of "help" coming from the 100th Street Pool. Patrolman Wood found that two small children had fallen through the ice twenty-five feet from shore. The patrolman ran out on the ice until it broke and then swam to the boy and girl. En route to the shore with them, he was told that there was another child under the water. Patrolman Wood swam back and, diving, located a small girl. Patrolman Wood, the Park Department employe and a civilian carried the three ashore. The children and Patrolman Wood were taken to a hospital, suffering from exposure.

Patrolmen Peter E. Droner, Eighty-second Precinct; Charles G. Kaiser, Seventy-eighth Precinct, and Shepherd Kole, Traffic Precinct I. On Dec. 7, 1942, Patrolman Droner, on duty at the scene of an accident in Brooklyn, saw Detective Joseph A. Miccio, Seventy-eighth Squad, Eighteenth Division, accosting two men, one armed. The gunman shot and mortally wounded the detective. Patrolman Droner also was wounded and the gunmen fled in a stolen car. Patrolman Kole joined Patrolman Kaiser, on radio motor patrol, in pursuit. The gunmen's car collided with an oncoming automobile. The gunmen fled. One attempted to shoot Patrolman Kaiser, but he was arrested. Patrolman Kole pursued the other man, who was captured. The gunmen have been indicted for murder.

Patrolmen Thomas P. Herman and Richard F. Sinnot, Eighteenth Precinct. On radio motor patrol on Dec. 28, 1942, went to a tavern in Manhattan, where a man had committed a robbery and fired a shot at a patron. The officers fatally wounded the bandit when he tried to shoot them.