


Department of Correction -- Intradepartmental Memorandum

C-74

Date : June 15, 1976
From : Warden, Brooklyn House of Detention
To : Commissioner of Correction (Through Channels)
Subject : RECOMMENDATION FOR DEPARTMENTAL RECOGNITION -
CORRECTION OFFICER BRIAN BUGGE, SHIELD NO. 2975

1. This command herewith recommends that Correction Officer Brian Bugge, Shield No. 2975, be awarded this department's Meritorious Service Award, as provided for in Section 5.71 of this department's rules and regulations.
2. On September 9, 1975, inmate Joseph James made a successful escape from Kings County Hospital, and in so doing, he shot and wounded two Correction Officers and a woman bystander. One Officer, George Notchan, died from wounds received. Correction Officer Bugge, working on his own time, worked closely with the three agencies investigating this escape and homicide. Those agencies recognized that this officer's efforts were valuable to them and they recommend that he receive suitable recognition. Captain James G. Steproe, 13th Homicide, New York Police Department, states, "His selflessness in giving of his off-duty time and energies was exemplary and should not pass without recognition." Captain Steproe further stated that the assistance rendered by Correction Officer Bugge was an important component to the overall plan of keeping Joseph James from contacting friends who might have aided him in leaving Brooklyn before the Police Department could locate him.
3. Mr. Brian F. Malone, Inspector General for the New York City Department of Correction, has also forwarded a letter recommending a commendation for C. O. Bugge. Mr. Malone notes that the officer did offer his assistance both to the Inspector General's office and the Police Department. He further noted that the leads offered by C.O. Bugge were instrumental in recapturing this inmate, and he recommends that the officer's efforts be recognized.
4. Correction Officer Brian Bugge was appointed to the department December 28, 1972 and assigned to the Academy. On January 25, 1973 he was transferred to the Brooklyn House of Detention where he has remained to present.
5. Predicated on all of the foregoing, this command recommends that Correction Officer Bugge be considered for the award for Meritorious Service, as provided in Section 5.71 of this department's rules and regulations, in that subject did demonstrate an act of intelligent and valuable service which reflected special faithfulness and perseverance.


THEODORE R. WEST
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Correction Officers Benevolent Association
of the City of New York

 Certificate of Award
To

Brian Bugge

for action meriting recognition for exceptional service and
devotion to duty reflecting the highest standards
of this Association.

Presented on Correction Day,
June 29, 1976
at City Hall, New York City



President
Harold Brown

Chairman, Awards Committee
Dennis S. Cowan