

'One Hope for Hostages'

ATTICA (N.Y.) — (UPI) — Sgt. Edward T. Cunningham, 52, told a newsman Sunday that the only hope for the hostages being held by rebelling inmates at Attica State Prison was total amnesty for the prisoners.

No amnesty was granted and yesterday he was dead.

Married and the father of two children, he was one of nine hostages slain in the violent climax of the uprising.

An Army sergeant in World War II, he was wounded and received a purple heart and a bronze star with a cluster Cunningham upheld a family tradition — his father was a policeman.

In the fateful interview he said that amnesty was the only salvation for the hostages.

"Anything else short of this is just as good as dropping dead," he said.

The others slain were:

- Elmer C. Hardie, 58, the father of eight children, an industrial foreman at the prison. A former businessman, he worked at Attica for three years.

- Herbert W. Jones, 26, a senior account clerk at the prison, was married and had one child. He attended the University of Ottawa, Bryant and Stratton Business School in Buffalo and Sam Houston State Teachers College. He

was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

- Ronald D. Werner, 35, a correction officer, was married. He worked for a year at Green Haven State Prison and was transferred to Attica in 1964. He was an Air Force veteran and a high school graduate.

- John Monteleone, 42, industrial foreman at the prison, was married. He served in the National Guard.

- Elon Werner, principal account clerk, was killed three days short of his 64th birthday. He was not related to Ronald Werner.

- John Joseph D'Arcangelo Jr., 23, was married. He graduated from Auburn Community College.

- Richard W. Valone, 45, 42, a corrections officer, was

married. He was an Army veteran.

- Carl W. Valone, 45, correction officer, was an Army veteran and served at Attica since 1964.