

REPORT

OFFICE OF

THE POLICE COMMISSIONER.

BALTIMORE, Md., January 2nd, 1934.

*To His Excellency,
Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland.*

SIR:

Pursuant to Section 751A, Article 4, of the Public Local Laws, I am respectfully submitting my report for the year ended December 31st, 1933, showing in the statements annexed, the strength and distribution of the force, the expense of operating the Department, changes occurring therein, and a resume of its work.

It is with regret that I report the death of four outstanding members of the force:—John J. Santry, Inspector; George E. Lurz, Inspector; Charles H. Burns, Captain of Detectives; and Cornelius F. Roche, Detective-Lieutenant. Their service honored the Department; neither spared himself in the discharge of duty, and they endeared themselves not only to associates but to the community which they protected. The records which they made are cherished by the force and it should be the earnest endeavor of each member of the Department to emulate their unselfish devotion to duty.

The Roll of Honor decoration was bestowed upon Patrolman John R. Block, Southern District, who was shot and instantly killed shortly after midnight, April 20th, when attempting to arrest Kenneth Lewis, a resident of Orlando, Florida, who, within the previous hour, accompanied by Troy Boyd and Jack Forbes, also of Orlando, held up and robbed chauffeurs of the Baltimore Coach Company at Charles and 39th Streets. About this time, Patrolman Robert L. Campbell, Northern District, noticed a Ford car without lights speeding west on 39th Street, and observed that the machine bore Florida license—115345. Shortly thereafter he received a report of the hold-up, and believing the occupants of the Florida car perpetrated the crime, reported the information. The facts were broadcast to all stations and when Patrolman Block reported for duty at midnight, he noted the license number and later observed the car stop at Hanover and Jack Streets. He was shot while in the