

more Police Department, and exercises in connection therewith were held in the War Memorial Building; the presentation address was made by the Hon. William Cabell Bruce. The plaque bears the following inscription:

"In general recognition of the extraordinary security which the City of Baltimore has enjoyed under its brave and honorable Police Force, and in special recognition of the noble generosity of spirit which that Force has exhibited during the existing economic crisis in devoting a substantial part of its entire salaried compensation to the relief of want and suffering in the City of Baltimore."

Before preparing our budget for 1934, I again consulted all Commanding Officers regarding a proposition to renew the offer whereby all members earning more than \$1,500.00 per year would consent to a voluntary reduction of ten per cent (10%) in salary, in order to assist the Mayor and City Council to balance the budget. The suggestion was approved, members affected signed a waiver of rights as to the existing salary schedule, and the budget thus submitted. Subsequently, the Board of Estimates passed the budget but modified the rate of contribution so that only five per cent (5%) reduction was made in the salaries of those earning up to \$2,100.00 per year, and 7½% reduction was exacted from members earning in excess of that amount.

It is a pleasure also to advise that the Department contributed to the Community Fund and to the Red Cross Campaign.

During the latter part of February, contractors completed the installation of broadcasting equipment; fourteen scout and two cruiser cars were equipped with receiving sets, and the Federal Radio Commission approved the application for license. On March 4th, our Station W P F H went into operation. The personnel of this division had been carefully selected, patrol zones established, and scout cars were assigned to operate constantly in the outlying residential sections of the city. Cruisers patrol the commercial and financial districts and territory immediately adjacent thereto.

8,873 calls were broadcast as the result of citizens appealing for service and cars arrived at the point of trouble, on an average within two (2) minutes. Members of the Division effected 2,059 arrests, the character of which varied from murder, burglary, highway robbery and serious assault, to ordinary cases involving breach of the peace. In several instances, culprits