## ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

the leg. Two other men wanted in the original robbery had been picked up earlier by detectives. . . . A 23 year old man, shot in the chest, was found dead on a W. 90 Street rooftop. Detectives learned he was a member of a neighborhood youth gang and began questioning gang members. Lt. John Enright, Sgt. Robert Pirro and Dets. John Farrell and Casper Faughann, 24 Sqd., also questioned residents of the 5 story tenement on whose roof the body was found. Their questioning resulted in the arrests of eleven persons for crimes ranging from simple assault to rape. During the interrogations, Det. Faughnan was attacked by one youth. It was learned his mother was super of the house next to one upon which the body was found. Questioned, she said two youths left her building about the time the boy was killed and she heard them telling two girls about killing a "Mike." The girls were picked up and questioned. They admitted knowing the killer and his companion. Both were picked up and admitted the killing. They had shot the youth in one of the tenement apartments, dragged the body to the roof and then tossed it to the roof of the building next door. Both had records. . . . Ptl. John Gundersen, 106 Pct., watched as three youths attempted to break into a Howard Beach gas station. When they gave up and returned to their car he approached. They tried to run him down and drive off but a warning shot put the kibosh on that. . . . Investigating an unruly mob in Coney Island, Dets. William Bett and Donald Schulz, 60 Sqd., were suddenly attacked by a family. They



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RECOVERED PROPERTY. Det. James Hennessey, PR Unit, points out stolen transistor radio he and Det. John Shields, center, and Lt. John O'Brien, right, CO, PR Squad, recovered as part of some \$5,000 in loot four men stole from importing company and peddled on street. Detectives were checking pawnbrokers and second hand dealers records when they noted same names coming up numerous times. Four arrests for grand larceny resulted. Rest of stolen goods is shown.

JUNE, 1962





Det. Luke J. Fallon

Det. John P. Finnegan

## TWO DETECTIVES KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

WO detectives, Luke J. Fallon and John P. Finnegan, 70 Sqd., were shot and killed in a gun battle with bandits caught in the act of robbing a tobacco and confectionary shop on May 18 in Brooklyn's Boro Park section. Both men, cited for bravery by the department in the past, were gunned down in a vicious exchange of shots with the robbers. Five suspects, the two in the store and the driver of the getaway car, plus two accessories, were rounded up within 5 days. One was picked up in Chicago, another in Connecticut, two in New York and the fifth surrendered to the New York Daily News.

The detectives were on patrol when they learned of the robbery. As they entered the store both men were met by a hail of fire. They returned the

fire as they fell, mortally wounded.

Detective Fallon, whose father was also in the department, was appointed in December, 1936. He is survived by his wife Margaret and a married daughter, Joan, living in Pennsylvania. He was cited in April 1939 and December 1940 for capturing two robbers and in April 1946 for the arrest of an arsonist.

Detective Finnegan was appointed in October, 1956. He was awarded a meritorious citation for his chase and capture of an armed bandit who had robbed a cabbie. A native of Brooklyn, Det. Finnegan is survived by his wife Helen and their two children, John, Jr., 5, and Maureen, age 1.

Both detectives received Inspector's Funerals. Detective Fallon, 55 years of age, was buried on May 22 in St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, following a Requiem Mass at 11 A.M. at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 59th Street and Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn.

Detective Finnegan, 29, was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Long Island City, following a 9:45 A.M. Mass of Requiem at St. Teresa's Church, Sterling Place and Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, on May 23.



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