

POLICE PAY TRIBUTE TO SLAIN DETECTIVE

About 2,000 detectives and uniformed policemen led by Commissioner Howard R. Leary and the top command of the department attended funeral services yesterday for Detective John D. Pollins, who was fatally wounded last Tuesday by a narcotics peddling suspect.

The policemen and units of the 369th Artillery National Guard, to which Detective Pollins belonged, filled St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lenox Avenue and 122d Street. The services

were conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Johnson, associate rector.

Detective Pollins, who was 36 years old, received the full force of a 16-gauge shotgun blast in his face, and died the following day. Two fellow officers, Detective Thomas Watkins and Patrolman Cecil Shand, who were with him, were wounded but they pursued the suspect, Clarence Taylor, 57, and subdued him after a struggle. The shooting occurred at the entrance to Taylor's basement apartment at 77 East 124th Street.

Detective Pollins is survived by his wife, Tanya, and a son, Kevin, 9.

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