

Wounds Fatal To N.O. Cop Shot in Holdup

New Orleans Police Sgt. Lloyd Verrett, 36, shot during a holdup at a barroom last Sunday, died last night at Charity Hospital.

The officer had been under treatment for gunshot wounds of the face, neck and arm.

POLICE ARE HOLDING 19-year-old Henry Johnson, Negro, 2507 Belmont pl., and Richard Brown, Negro, 21, of 318 S. Dorgenois, for murder in connection with the shooting.

Police Supt. Joseph I. Giarrusso said today that 63 pints of blood were administered to Sgt. Verrett in the unsuccessful effort by hospital attendants to save his life.

Much of the blood was donated by citizens.

Sgt. Verrett was shot at Mighty Duke's Bar, 2600 Louisiana ave., as he answered a report of a holdup. The officer was riding alone.

POLICE REPORTS indicate that a man later identified as



SGT. LLOYD VERRETT

Brown was holding a barmaid at gunpoint as Sgt. Verrett entered the bar.

The officer was shot while attempting to wrest the gun from the man.

Giarrusso said today that the death of Sgt. Verrett points up the need to wage "total war" on the criminal element in the city . . . "not for a day, a week, or a month, but for that period of time it takes to make our city a safe place in which to live."