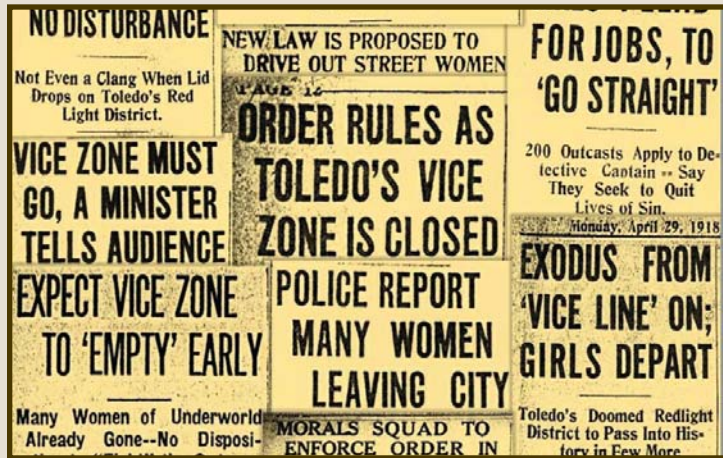


TOLEDO AREA POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE

A solemn obligation



Patrolman Louis Jazwiecki
E.O.W. April 1, 1918
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One month to the day after Lous Jazwiecki was killed the city announced it closed the “Segregated District,” an area in the city of Toledo where “blind tigers” or “disorderly houses” were located.

On November 23, 1917, a request was made for Officer Jazwiecki to receive a “mark of credit” for single-handedly raiding a pool room at 1944 Front Street and capturing the proprietor and six visitors in a gambling game. “I suggest you send this report to the Chief so he may know of the good work of this officer.” Four months later, he was killed in the line of duty.

At about 10:30 on the evening of Sunday, March 31, 1918, Officer Louis Jazwiecki observed two suspicious males at the corner of Erie and Walnut Streets. When the pair failed to give a satisfactory account of their actions, Officer Jazwiecki advised them they were under arrest. The shorter of the two men stepped back, drew a revolver and began firing at Jazwiecki as the taller of the two fled from the scene. Officer Jazwiecki was struck three times but was able to fire all six rounds from his revolver.

Neighbors cared for Officer Jazwiecki until an East Side police ambulance took him to St. Vincent’s Hospital. Though he was operated on within one-half hour from the time he was shot, Officer Jazwiecki succumbed to his injuries at 3:45 on Monday morning, April 1, 1918.

On December 11, 1918, Custon Johnson entered the Ohio Penitentiary to serve a life sentence for the murder of Officer Jazwiecki. On March 18, 1966, Governor Rhodes acted upon the unanimous recommendation of the state parole board to release Johnson. He was 72 years old and had served 47 years.

Officer Jazwiecki resided at 2227 Lagrange Street and had been a police officer for less than one year. According to a Sergeant’s Report filed that night by Sgt. Fred Stonehouse, “his folks were with him” when he died.

Louis Jazwiecki

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012