

THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A solemn obligation



**Patrolman Edwin Keim
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Eddie Keim, with a proud career as a prizefighter behind him, had fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a policeman. He was a hero to the young boys in the 700 block of Belmont Avenue. “The boys in the neighborhood who usually spend their days playing ball, shouting at each other and batting cans in the street, sat in a quiet little group on the curb and waited - waited for the results of Eddie Keim’s greatest fight.”

“If Eddie had been fighting someone in the ring, they wouldn’t have worried about the result. Eddie could take care of himself. But Eddie wasn’t fighting in the ring. He was in Mercy Hospital, fighting a bandit’s bullet.”

Keim had only been a police officer for a month when he was approached by a witness and advised there was a robbery in progress at the White Starr filling station at Indian Avenue and Heston Street.

According to a report filed by Officers Ray Miller and Joseph Rosenthal, “At 10:20 p.m., as we were driving past World Theater, we saw Officer Ed Keim jump on the running board of a Pontiac sedan which went down Dorr Street to Heston and then to Indiana Avenue to the White Starr Gas Station No. 8. We followed him into the station. As Officer Keim entered the station through the oil house, David Lee shot him through the chin . . .”

Miller and Rosenthal killed the suspect, David Lee, as he tried to escape. Keim, who lived at 734 Belmont Avenue, was wearing a borrowed uniform, as his were still not tailored for him.

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