

THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A solemn obligation



Patrolman Walter Mullin
E.O.W. May 12, 1925

At 2:35 a.m. on May 4, 1925, Officers Walter Mullin and Fred Reaser responded to someone breaking into a garage at 2946 Garnett Street near Clarence Avenue. The two streets no longer exist but were located at the northern end of Front Street.

Officer Reaser reported, "When we arrived on Clarence Avenue, Mr. Russell Downs stopped us and said he had made the complaint and showed us where to go. . . . I went as directed, and expected Officer Mullin to follow. . . . As I approached the intersection of these alleys, I saw two men looking around a shed . . . I saw a gun shining in the hand of one man. I said throw up your hands . . . I heard no response. I commenced shooting in their direction. I shot three times. I then heard Officer Mullin saying - Fred you have got me. . ."

The bullet had traveled through two shed doors and had struck Officer Mullin in the right side of his abdomen. "Mullin was able to sit up in the machine [car] on the way to the hospital and conversed with Reaser on the way. It was not thought that he was seriously hurt, but when the hospital was reached he collapsed." Mullin survived until May 12, 1925, when he succumbed to his injury.

Mullin was a widower and had resided at 368 Avondale Avenue with his parents. His brother, George Mullin, was a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. Walter himself was recognized as one of the best semi-pro baseball officials in this part of Ohio. Mullin had also been boyhood friends with Officer "Petie" McGuire, who was killed in the line of duty on December 22, 1921.

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