

TOLEDO AREA POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE

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**Patrolman Albert Fadell
E.O.W. November 18, 1948**

On Monday, November 15, 1948, an automobile operated by Mr. James Bilbrey, a Mud Hens and St. Louis Browns baseball pitcher, failed to stop at Canton and Beacon Streets.

“Mr. Bilbrey, a bartender at the Gaiety Night Club during the off-season for baseball . . . admitted, according to police, that he failed to stop but said he was prevented from seeing the warning sign by an illegally parked automobile at the corner. This car also kept him from having a view of Canton Street traffic, he said. The policeman’s motorcycle struck Mr. Bilbrey’s car.” On Thursday, November 18, Officer Fadell died in Mercy Hospital.

The motorcycle squad was the most dangerous police assignment at the time. Officer Fadell was the seventh officer from the squad killed in the line of duty; five in traffic accidents and two in gun battles.

The official pension record also showed that men were forced to retire eventually because of serious injuries suffered while they were motorcycle policemen. “In fact,” Superintendent Delehany said, “in the 36-year history of the squad, excluding current members, only retired Detective Lieutenant James Ford escaped serious injury as a squad member.”

Officer Fadell was married with two daughters and resided at 1234 Colton Street. He had only been an officer since February of 1947 when he left the U.S. Army.

Albert Fadell

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