

Patrolman Walter P. Boyle

Born September 3, 1932

Appointed Patrolman, October 1, 1958

Died December 8, 1961

While in pursuance of his duty as a preservator of the public peace, Patrolman Walter P. Boyle was put to death by an assailant. In the few years allotted to him as a member of the Toledo Police Division he exemplified all the qualities of a dedicated police officer.

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Toledo Policeman Slain By Ex-Convict; Cornered Killer Takes Own Life



RAYMOND BROTHERS
Killed himself when surrounded



PATROLMAN BOYLE
Slain while serving warrant

50 Officers Surround East Side Garage

A Toledo patrolman was slain today in an exchange of shots with a 30-year-old former convict, who later shot himself to death in the loft of a garage which had been surrounded by 50 policemen.

The patrolman, 29-year-old Walter P. Boyle, had gone to an East Toledo home to serve a warrant on his killer, Raymond Brothers, at 619 Elmore St., and had pursued him across the street into an alley in the 500 block of Arden Place.

Patrolman Boyle, married, lived at 1388 Glenview Dr.; had been a policeman a little more than three years and was one of four brothers who are city policemen.

Brothers, 30, had been sought on a warrant signed by his wife, Ruth, 30, who had accused him of threatening her with a knife.

Shot 4 Times

Patrolman Boyle, who was pronounced dead in St. Vincent's Hospital, was shot four times—once in the forehead and three times in the left chest.

About an hour and 45 minutes later, after he had been heard to mutter, "You're not going to take me," Brothers was found dead in a tear gas-filled two-car garage, shot in his chest.

Patrolman Iryin Smith, who himself was wounded several years ago by a berserk gunman, fired four gas grenades from a large caliber rifle and tossed several more into the garage. Then he fired several shotgun blasts into the building.

Donning a gas mask supplied by the fire division, Patrolman Richard Haberstock entered a service door of the garage and, climbing a small ladder, found Brothers, with a revolver in his hand, dead.

Face Down In Alley Way

Two other patrolmen, John Cothorn and John Mussery, had found Patrolman Boyle, face down in the back yard alley way of the home of Mrs. John Flynn, 551 Arden Pl.

Patrolman Boyle and his partner, Patrolman John Helman, had gone to the Brothers home to serve the misdemeanor or warrant. Patrolman Boyle got out of the patrol wagon to knock on the door.

Robert Moore, 32, of 1209 Liberty St., a city refuse collector, said he was in an alley when Brothers ran out of the Elmore Street home, brushing him and saying, "You're not going to take me."

Patrolman Boyle pursued Brothers toward Prentice Street. Patrolman Helman, driver of the patrol wagon, who said he did not hear any shots fired, in the meantime radioed Sgt. Orpha Mattox for help.

Woman Hears 3 Shots

Patrolman Boyle apparently fired only one shot in the exchange.

Mrs. George Vinet, 540 Arden, said she heard at least three shots.

Two boys told Sergeant Mattox that they saw a man come from between two houses, walking slowly and then break into a run toward Nevada Street.

Brothers then headed for the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Edith Hyndman, 963 Berry St., where Mrs. Brothers and their five children — Jacqueline, 7; Raymond, 6; William, 3, and Charlene and Darlene, 8-month-old twins—had gone earlier today. The home is a half-mile from the scene of the first shooting.

'Told Us What He'd Done'

Mrs. Hyndman said Brothers entered the house and "told us what he had done. He said he knew he had killed a policeman and was going out into the garage and hide."

Minutes after Brothers had run out of the house, policeman had surrounded it from every direction.

They had soon surrounded the garage and took cover as Brothers fired two shots from inside.

Directed by Police Chief Anthony A. Bosch and Safety Director John Manton, Patrolman Smith unleashed the tear gas grenades on the building. Soon Patrolman Haberstock, with others storming in after him, had entered to find the quarry dead.

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Man's Slayer Had Long History Emotional And Court Troubles

First Committed To State Hospital At 16;
 Police Acted Upon Wife's Complaint

More than a decade of emotional disturbance, during which he spent time in two mental hospitals and a reformatory, preceded yesterday's tragedy in which Raymond Brothers shot a policeman and killed himself.

Brothers was 16 when he was admitted to Cambridge State Hospital, following a sex offense. Initial reports showed he did not get along with anyone.

He ran away from the hospital Feb. 23, 1948. The next day, in company with a former Cambridge patient who had been discharged, Brothers was involved in a burglary at Zanesville.

Officials said Brothers was

not charged with the burglary on condition that he return to the hospital and undergo treatment. He was transferred from Cambridge to Lima State Hospital April 9, 1948, after being adjudged dangerous and homicidal.

Released To Family

Five months later Cambridge authorities received a report

from Lima that Brothers no longer was mentally ill. The patient was returned to the Cambridge hospital Sept. 3, 1948, and, under a prior arrangement, was released on a trial visit to his family the next day.

A plan had been worked out with a Cambridge attorney and relatives that the youth was to go home and his family would care for him. On reports sent in by the family and on the basis of visits to the home by social workers, Brothers was discharged from the Cambridge hospital April 30, 1949.

His next brush with the law came in Toledo Feb. 21, 1956. He was arrested on the complaint of an East Toledo woman, who said he had threatened her with a gun and forced her into his apartment where he made sexual advances. He was released by the late Judge Homer A. Ramey after signing a \$200 peace bond.

Brothers, by then married and the father of three children, next got into trouble Oct. 18, 1958. He was arrested for molesting a 15-year-old girl in East Toledo and shooting a 17-year-old youth who went to her aid.

Shot Youth

Police said Brothers, armed with a pistol, shot David Lanz, 17, of 408 Fourth St., in the abdomen when Lanz and another youth closed in on him as he hid between houses.

Brothers drew a 60-day jail sentence in Municipal Court on the molesting charge. He was indicted by the grand jury on charges of shooting with intent to wound and kill and carrying a concealed weapon.

He pleaded guilty to both indictments and on Nov. 11, 1958, appeared before Judge John W. Hackett and asked that an attorney be appointed for him. This was done, and a week later he appeared with his attorney, withdrew his former pleas and pleaded guilty only to the concealed weapons charge.

On recommendation of the prosecutor, Brothers was ordered committed to Lima State Hospital for psychiatric examination. He was returned to Toledo and came before Judge Geraldine Macelwane Jan. 15, 1959.

Common Pleas Court here had received a report from the Lima State Hospital superintendent which said that Brothers had been observed and examined intensely, received psychiatric and psychological tests and examinations.

Legally Responsible

The Lima official said Brothers was found neither mentally ill, mentally defective nor a psychopathic offender and was legally responsible.

Judge Macelwane then sentenced Brothers to 1 to 3 years in the Ohio Reformatory on the concealed weapons charge. The shooting charge was dismissed on recommendation of the prosecutor. Brothers was paroled from the reformatory Jan. 13, 1960.

Now 30, Brothers was a laid-off employee of Peters Stamping Co., living with his wife and five children at 619 Elmore St., when his latest problems developed.

His wife, Ruth, said that several days ago Brothers threatened her with a knife and previously had beaten her. Feeling he was emotionally disturbed, she went to Probate Court to seek help for him, she said.

Mrs. Brothers said she first talked with Willis Ludeman, chief deputy, who took her to see Judge Edgar Norris. She said the judge advised her that the quickest way to get medical or psychiatric attention for her husband, was to have him arrested.

Incident Vague

Judge Norris yesterday denied knowing anything about the incident. Mr. Ludeman said he vaguely recalled a woman complaining about her husband and suggested she have him picked up by police, after which a police physician could examine him to see if a mental condition existed.

Mr. Ludeman said Probate



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OFFICERS POISED FOR DASH INTO EAST SIDE GARAGE

Coatless patrolman ducks down; quarry had fired two shots

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Where Death Struck Twice



ARROW POINTS TO GARAGE WHERE PATROLMAN'S SLAYER FLED
Some of the 50 policeman cautiously approach killer's refuge

Police Killing First In Toledo Since '47 Safety Bldg. Battle

Slaying Of Detective, 2 Suspects In Blazing Gun Action Is Recalled

Patrolman Walter Patrick Boyle, killed by a gunman yesterday, was the first Toledo policeman to die of gunfire since Detective Lt. John J. McCarthy was shot to death outside the Safety Building Jan. 7, 1947.

Lieutenant McCarthy, like yesterday's victim, was tremendously proud of his Irish ancestry and would have thought Walter Patrick Boyle was a "fine broth of a lad."

Both men died under similar circumstances defying a gunman, who threatened their lives and sought escape.

Lieutenant McCarthy and two other policemen were bringing in a trio, including a suspected check forger, Edward Gordon Monnett. As the police car neared Erie and Jackson Streets, Monnett pushed a pistol against Lieutenant McCarthy's head and commanded: "This is as far as we go. Stop the car, or I'll kill all three of you."

3 Killed In Battle

In the blazing action which followed, Lieutenant McCarthy died, but he killed his prisoner. Monnett's unarmed pal, John Quirk also fell fatally wounded in the gunfire joined in by Policemen John Conners and Floyd Cartlidge, who have since been promoted to detectives.

Yesterday Patrolman Boyle swung out of a patrol wagon to serve the warrant on Raymond Brothers, 30, of 619 Elmore St., whose wife Ruth, 30, had signed a warrant charging him with threatening to kill. The patrolman left his partner, Patrolman John Helman, sitting in the patrol wagon.

The events which followed are mostly theory, but in running from arrest Brothers was heard by a refuse collector

to shout: "You're not going to take me."

Chief Anthony Bosch believes Patrolman Boyle was ambushed as he rounded a corner of the home of Mrs. John Flynn, 551 Arden Pl., felled by a shot in the forehead and while lying on the ground had three bullets pumped into his chest.

Patrolman Boyle, who has three brothers, also Toledo patrolmen, joined the force Oct. 1, 1958, five years after the eldest, Daniel Joseph, became a policeman.

Daniel was not content until William Francis became a patrolman Nov. 1, 1959, and fought for the appointment of brother Regis Franklin, who became a bluecoat July 1, 1960.

In Military Service

Last March 17 the proud "Patrolmen Boyle" led Toledo's St. Patrick's Day parade, which they vowed they'd do each year for the rest of their lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyle, 1202 West Delaware Ave., saw all their boys, except the eldest, Michael John, return from wartime military service. Michael, a B29 gunner, was killed near Saipan. Walter saw service in Korea, and the others are veterans of World War II.

The elder Boyles also have three daughters, Mrs. Sheila Jennewine, Mrs. Theresa Eigensee and Mrs. Ann Taylor.

Walter was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Irish Benevolent Club and St. Ann's Church. With his wife, Charman, he lived at 1388 Glenview Dr. He was a native Toledoan.

The body will be in the Coyle Mortuary, 2475 Collingwood Blvd., after 2 p.m. today. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday in St. Ann's Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

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Dismissal Of Charge Puzzles Victim's Mother

To the Editor of The Blade:

In The Blade issue of Dec. 9, the story relating to the killing of Patrolman Boyle in East Toledo stated that in the shooting of my 17-year-old son, in 1958, the charge of shooting with intent to kill was dismissed on the recommendation of the prosecutor. I would like to know the reason why.

We were led to believe that he was sentenced on this charge. My son went through an operation, three weeks in a hospital, loss of his job, plus debts we had to pay as a result of it.

In 1958 the prosecutor's office had us sign a complaint against the gunman so they could be sure to get him away from society before he killed someone. Why did he only serve a charge for carrying concealed weapons?

In my opinion, the prosecutor's office and the court that convicted him in 1958 are responsible for Patrolman Boyle's death, as the killer would either have been in prison or an institution at the time, if he had been made to serve for the other shooting.

Also, what was wrong with the police department that it never checked for a record on the man when his wife swore out a warrant for his arrest? The patrolman then would have known the type of person he was to arrest.

MRS. WALTER LANZ,
 1510 Michigan St.

The Eternal Question

NEARLY every community suffers through a savage outbreak of violence of some sort or another that leads inevitably to one question: Why did it happen?

The slaying of Patrolman Walter Boyle in the line of duty the other day by an ex-convict with a long police record is a tragic example.

What occurred in that alley in East Toledo is a by-product of the society in which we live and the code it follows. It is a code that more often than not leans over backward to give to any individual who breaks the law every opportunity to make amends, to do penance, to rehabilitate, and to take his place as a decent, law-abiding citizen. But it is tragically true, as Patrolman Boyle's death proves, that there are times when our society and its system of crime and punishment fail.

In the case of Raymond Brothers, who shot down a policeman in cold blood before taking his own life, that appears to be true. Brothers was no stranger to police. Early in his sorry life he was adjudged by officials at Lima State Hospital to be "dangerous and homicidal." He was in and out of scrapes with authorities, and in each of them seems to have become lost in the complexities of a judicial system that somehow permits cases of persistent law-breaking to be passed along with minimal attention or punishment.

Thus, after he gunned down a 17-year-old Toledo youth three years ago as the boy tried to keep him from molesting a 15-year-old girl, Brothers wound up being sentenced to the Ohio Reformatory for 1 to 3 years on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. The charge of shooting with intent to wound and kill, on which he had been indicted and to which he had already pleaded guilty, was withdrawn with permission of the county prosecutor.

Last week, Brothers repaid—if that be the word—society for the concern it had shown in his welfare and his chances to live a better life by snuffing out the life of a police officer as well as his own.

As a result of this tragedy, there will naturally be searching questions propounded by police officials themselves as they seek to learn where their own departmental procedure failed—why Patrolman Boyle was not fully appraised of Brothers' record of violence, why only one of two officers left the patrol car to serve a warrant, why minutes passed before Patrolman Boyle's disappearance caused any anxiety. These are internal matters in the department that it will answer in its own way.

But the one deep and abiding question that still confronts society as it views this tragedy, and each of us as parts of that group, is . . . Why? The answer has not yet been found, but the search for it will be as eternal as the ques-

Church Thronged At Funeral Rites For Slain Policeman

More Than 200 Officers Among 1,000 Paying Tribute To Patrolman Boyle

About 1,000 persons filled St. Ann's Church today for the funeral of Patrolman Walter P. Boyle, 29, killed Friday in an exchange of shots with an ex-convict.

More than 200 uniformed officers took part in services for their fellow policeman at the Coyle Mortuary, Collingwood Boulevard, the church and in Calvary Cemetery,

where he was buried with full departmental honors.

Bells of the West Bancroft Street church tolled as the body of Patrolman Boyle was carried into the building and as the funeral procession left for the cemetery.

At the cemetery patrolmen escorted the flag-draped casket to the graveside.

Chiefs Pay Tribute

Leading the policemen were Chief Anthony Bosch and Fire Chief Arnold Papenhagen. Representatives of the Ohio highway patrol, Michigan state police, Findlay and Fremont police departments, and the Sandusky County and Lucas County sheriff's department joined in the tribute.

Services in St. Ann's, where Patrolman Boyle was baptized and where he attended elementary school, were conducted by the Rev. Albert Sprenger, pastor. He said this was a tribute of honor and respect to a young man who had spent almost all of his adult years in the service of his country and city. He was a military service veteran.

Helpfulness Cited

Father Sprenger said everyone who knew Patrolman Boyle respected him, particularly because of his desire to help others. He said that his death would be a great loss to his family and the police department.

Also participating in the services were the color guards of Toledo Police Post, American Legion, of which he was a member.

Patrolman Boyle was shot by Raymond Brothers, 30-year-old former convict. The policeman had gone to a home at 619 Elmore St. to serve a warrant on Brothers. He was shot when he pursued Brothers across the street into an alley in the 500 block of Arden Place. Brothers then shot himself to death in the loft of a garage.

Saga Of Boyle Brothers As Police Officers Ends

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Daniel, Last Of 4 To Serve On Force,
Retires Today On Disability Pension

It was a proud day for the Irish on March 17, 1961.

The Boyle brothers, Daniel, Walter, William, and Regis, marched four abreast, their heads high as they led the St. Patrick's Day parade through downtown Toledo streets.

The elated Irish quartet vowed on that day to march in similar style in subsequent celebrations.

But one by one their numbers dwindled, and today, Daniel, 48, the first Boyle brother to wear a Toledo police uniform is the last to leave the force. He is accepting a disability pension after 21 years as a policeman, the last six as a sergeant in the crime prevention bureau.

His brother, Walter, then 29, was shot to death Dec. 8, 1961, in an East Toledo alley chasing a man to serve an assault warrant.

William, 44, now Lucas County Democratic party chairman, was shot in the face six months later by a crazed gunman while answering a disturbance call at Southard and 14th streets. He lost the sight in his right eye and left the force on a disability pension in December, 1963.

Regis With FBI

Regis, 40, the last brother to come on the force in July, 1960, resigned nine years later to become an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He is now with the FBI in Portland, Ore.

Sergeant Boyle started his police career in April, 1953, after having been a Lucas County sheriff's deputy three years under the late George B. Timiney.

He is modest about his accomplishments as a policeman, but Capt. Norbert Declercq, who was Sergeant Boyle's partner for many years when both were patrolmen, praises his former companion's work.

"Danny has an almost uncanny knack for sensing trouble, and believe me, that kept us out of more scrapes. There were times the guy was just unbelievable," Captain Declercq said.

Hunch Trips Robbers

"I never will forget the night we passed a drugstore in our district, and he asked me to drive around the block. He had a hunch about something. Just as we were approaching the store, out came two guys carrying guns.

"It didn't take much to figure they had probably robbed the store. Talk about two surprised crooks, they're probably still in prison trying to figure out how we got the word."

"There were times when we fought like brothers," Captain Declercq said of his relationship with his former partner, "but you couldn't ask for a better man at your side in a touchy situation."

It was at Sergeant Boyle's urging that Captain Declercq became a police officer.

As a child, Captain Declercq lived near the nine Boyle children, who were reared in the 1200 block of West Delaware Avenue, a part of St. Ann's Catholic parish.

The Boyle home was razed when the I-475 and I-75 expressway systems cut through the central city area.

Mr. Boyle jokingly refers to his former neighborhood as "the other side of the tracks." The Penn Central tracks near his home were the dividing line between St. Ann's parish and Rosary Cathedral parish.

The Boyles are the only four-brother team ever to serve on the city police force. Three members of the Petersen family, Orville, James, and Cornelius, served together.

James resigned on a disability pension. Cornelius suffered a stroke and died earlier this year. Orville, a patrolman, is still on the force.

Mr. Boyle and his wife, Joanne, have four children. He says his plans for the future are undetermined.



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SGT. DANIEL BOYLE
Retires after 21 years

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