

Police Headquarters

BULLETIN NO. 305

Toledo, Ohio, May 31, 1935.

It is with deep regret and much sorrow that I announce the death of pensioned patrolman Walter L. Kruse who died at 4.00 this A.M.

Walter Kruse was appointed a patrolman March 1st, 1914, and was severely injured by gun shot, in line of duty, Sept. 3rd, 1920, which resulted in his disability and he was placed on the pension Nov. 1st, 1931.

Patrolman Walter Kruse served faithfully and well during the time he was on the department and was loved by all who knew him and held in high esteem by his comrades.

Body lies in state at his home, 328 Chapin St., and will remain there until 10.00 A.M. Monday, June 3rd, when it will be taken to H. H. Birkenkamps's Funeral Home, Broadway, at Jervis.

Services at Birkenkamp's Funeral Home at 1.30 P.M., Monday, June 3rd, 1935.

Burial at Forest Cemetery.

The body will be escorted from the funeral home by a guard of honor of 40 patrolmen, in charge of Captain Beseske.

Pallbearers chosen by the relatives are;

Patrolman Wm. Benner

Patrolman H. Richter

Patrolman P. Colwell

Patrolman F. Ellerman

Patrolman B. Rabe

Patrolman Theo. Mackall.

All officers assigned to this detail will report at Birkenkamps Funeral Home at 1.00 P.M.

Flags at all stations will be at half-mast and remain so until after the funeral.

Daniel T. Wolfe
Chief of Police.

Approved;
John A. Price,
Director of Public Safety.

Timbrook;

This is a member of the S.S.Post;

A. R. Cline;

Eddie West, Willie Minter, William Howell, Walter Kruse, Albert Joyce,

Born Jan 25 1890

Appoint March 1 1914 3-nights with older men

Ass'd March 4 1914 Beat by Chief George A. Murphy

Inducted March 1 1918 U.S. Army, World-war-1

Discharged July 1 1919

Reinstated July 1 1918 To Motorcycle duty

Shot Sept 3 1920 Seriously wounded on duty

Retired Nov 1 1921 With full disability pension 100 per-Mon.

Died May 31 1935 In his home at 4,30pn.

He was shot by the Cow-Boy-Hill and his gang of Bank Robbers, They Robbed the Delta Ohio Bank at 10am May 20 1920. 6 men 4 of them walked into the Bank heavily armed, one man was brationed at the sidedoor and one man

at the wheel of a large black touring car. They got away with 20,000 dollars in cash and 80,000 dollars in Negotiable Securities, They escaped toward Toledo to their hiding place in Point Place.

Cow-Boy-Hill left Point Place in a 24 cylinder speed boat to Algomac Yacht Club in St Clair River, He registered there as a Young Argentine Sportsman name given as Senor Juan Armada he also was known as Chief Bill Baker, Don Mareau, W.B.Willets, J.L.Muzzio. During the summer of 1920 He robbed 12 Banks in Ohio and in Michigan. The last Bank robbery he committed was in Ironville Ohio, State bank and they got 8,000 dollars in cash. Then they moved from Point Place hideout to Norwalk Ohio there Cow Boy Hill conducted a school in criminal work, Archie Dennison was his first Lieutenant in crime, others in the gang were John Aloysius, Orville Boyle alias Soldier Joe, alias Joseph Forrest, Miss Viola Cochran, Mrs Billy Calhoun, Eddie West, Willie Manifex, William Howell, Eddie Meehan, Albert Joyce, Charlie O'Malley, and Leo Mitchell.

Patrolman Walter Kruse was a Motorcycle Patrolman at that time, he was wounded by 4 bullets from the gun in the hands of Archie Dennison, in the 300 block Of-Vance str., Red light district at that time Sept 3 1920

After a Silk Shop Burglary at 3am in the 500 block Madison ave Patlm Kruse ran into this gang in their black car, He was shot and with out any notice of any kind, he laid near death in Mercy Hospital. Archie Dennison was shot through the left ear, by Debeo Kruse on Sept 14 1920 in a raid. Captain of Detectives James O'Rielly picked 6 detectives and all his top Detectives to make the raid on 2220 Franklin Ave rooming house, the gangs hideout, The picked Detectives were Steve Quinn, William Culver, Robert Bartley, John Connors, Augie Salhoff, Louis Kruse,

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Captain James O'Rielly rang the door bell of the apartment, and Joseph Forrest came to the door and Captain O'Rielly grabbed him and warned him to be silent, Det. Quinn and Culver rushed into the dining room the place where Archie Dennison was, his face was red as fire, for he was known as a Cop-Killer and Hater, he was ordered to throw up his hands, he never took any orders from the Police. Failed to comply the riot gun in the hands of Det Kruse barked and Dennison swerved and Det Quinn ran forward and grabbed him and a sharp crack of a gun in the hands of Cow-Boy-Hill and Det Quinn went down wounded dragging Dennison with him to the floor in the struggle Dennison rolled on top of Quinn and he was about to shoot Det Quinn again, when Det Kruse seeing this and still clutching with Forrest he reached his revolver and shot Dennison through the left ear from a distance of not less than 6 inches, killing him instantly, in the mean time Cow-Boy-Hill seeing his chance to escape he ran out the rear door where Det Robert Bartley was guarding, Cow-Boy-Hill fired from his two 45 automatics at Det Bartley and he missed, Det Bartleys bullets struck Hill again and again as he fell to the ground face down and he cried out dont shoot any more you got me real good and proper he said.

In Common Pleas Court Joseph Forrest and all others told the Court and Jury all they knew. They all pleading guilty to Bank Robberies and they were sent to the Ohio Penitentiary for 15 years.

June 19 1922 Cow-Boy-Hill appeared on stretchers in Common Pleas Court and pleaded guilty to the shooting to kill charges and he drew a 5 year term in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Five years later he was taken to the Fulton County Criminal Court to stand trial for the Delta State Bank robbery, He was found guilty by

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the Jury and he was sentenced to 20 years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Some years later on order of Ohio Governor White he was released temporary from the penitentiary and moved to the Lucas County Hospital (Now The Maumee Valley Hospital) to die of Tuberculosis. And he died one month later, penny less and without a friend.