

Traffic Injuries Fatal To 2 Men

Two Others Hurt In Crashes Here

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Injured last night when he was struck by a police motorcycle at Adams and Erie Sts., Tech. Sergt. James F. Stephens, 26, of the Rossford Ordnance Depot, died at 2:20 p. m. today in Mercy Hospital.

A Toledo man was killed and two others, a police officer and a soldier were injured critically as a result to two traffic accidents last night and early today.

Dead was James M. Nickinson, 55, of 1513½ Walnut St.

Injured were Patrolman Fred Disel, 43, of 3729 145th St.; Staff Sergt. Julius Clauss, 20, stationed at the Rossford Ordnance Depot.

Mr. Nickinson died at 4 a. m. today in St. Vincent's Hospital of a skull injury an hour after he lost control of his automobile and crashed into a safety island and utility pole at Starr Ave. and Main St. He was alone in the automobile at the time, according to Police Patrolmen Charles DuShane and John Lovett.

TB 5-2-44 The body was taken to the Leon Funeral Home.

Patrolman Disel and the two soldiers were injured at 10:44 p. m. yesterday when the officer's motorcycle struck the two pedestrian servicemen at Adams and Erie Sts. as he was chasing an automobile believed involved in a hit&skip accident in the 800 block of Collingwood Blvd in which nobody was injured, Patrolmen James Weis and Edward Nasser reported.

Attendants at Mercy Hospital said that Disel has a skull fracture, fractured pelvis and cuts on the arms, legs and body.

Sergeant Stephan, whose home was said to be Detroit, also suffered a skull fracture and injuries about the legs and body. He is in an oxygen tent. Sergeant Clauss, also of Detroit, suffered a possible skull fracture and cuts on the head, face and hands.

Police reports disclosed Patrolmen Disel and Everett Sampsell, 2378½ Franklin Ave., had filled their cycle tanks at the Safety Bldg. to go on duty when an automobile sped by in Erie St.

Both officers gave chase and were side by side when the cycle ridden by Patrolman Disel struck the two soldiers who had attempted to cross Erie St.

Disel Was Shot

In Restaurant Holdup

Patrolman Disel was shot and seriously wounded in the face and hip Oct. 14, 1938, by a gunman who held up the Little Brown Jug restaurant, 1130 West Bancroft St. In March, 1938, he was seriously injured when his cycle crashed head-on into an auto at Madison Ave. and 18th St.

Motorist Chased In Fatal Mishap Given 9 Months

Soldier Killed, 2 Injured in Pursuit Of Hit-Skip Driver

Joe White, 45, of 1013 South 15th St., who police say was the motorist Patrolman Fred Diesel was chasing Monday night when the policeman's cycle injured two soldiers, one fatally, at Adams and Erie Sts. will have a long time to think things over.

Municipal Judge Harvey G. Straub today sentenced White to 90 days in the workhouse, fined his \$50 and costs and revoked his driving rights for three years on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident. White also was sentenced to six months in the workhouse and fined \$50 and costs on a charge of reckless driving. He pleaded innocent to both charges.

Arrested at Work

White was arrested yesterday at work in an East Side factory, after Patrolmen Lester Sandusky, Archie Best and Walter Cook found his automobile at a Toledo filling station. He admitted during a lie detector test last night that he was being chased by the officer, police said.

License number of White's automobile was furnished by James Banks, 1202 Ewing St., reported driver of the automobile struck by White's car in the 800 block of Collingwood Blvd. Monday. Nobody was injured in the accident.

One Dead, Another Hurt

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Patrolman Diesel is reported in a critical condition in Mercy Hospital from injuries suffered in the accident. The other soldier was Staff Sergt. Julius A. Clauss, 20, Detroit, who was moved yesterday from Mercy Hospital to the Erie Proving Ground Hospital.

Both were stationed at the Rossford Army Ordnance Depot.

Taken By Death



FRED DIESEL

Patrolman Hurt In Crash Dies

Fred Diesel Second Victim of Accident

Patrolman Fred Diesel died at 10:20 a. m. today in Mercy Hospital of injuries suffered Monday night when he was hurled to the pavement from his motorcycle after it had struck two soldiers at Adams and Erie Sts. Patrolman Diesel, 43, lived at 3729 145th St.

Hospital attendants said the officer never regained consciousness after he was admitted last Monday night. He suffered skull and leg fractures and internal injuries.

Sergeant Injured Fatally

Patrolman Diesel was pursuing an automobile said by police to be involved in a minor hitskip accident in Collingwood Blvd. when his cycle struck Tech. Sergt. James F. Stephan, 26, Cascade, Wis., and Staff Sergt. Julius Clauss, 20, Detroit, both stationed at the Rossford Ordnance Depot. Sergeant Stephan died the day following the accident and Sergeant Clauss, now at Erie Proving Ground Hospital, is said to be recovering.

Joe White, 45, of 1013 South 15th St., who police say was the motorist Officer Diesel was chasing, was sentenced Thursday to a total of nine months in the workhouse and fined \$100 on charges of leaving the scene of an accident and reckless driving.

Shot by Gunman

Patrolman Diesel joined the Toledo police department on Nov. 16, 1933. He was shot and seriously wounded in the face and hip Oct. 14, 1938, by a gunman who held up the Little Brown Jug Restaurant, 1130 West Bancroft St. In March, 1938, shortly after he became a motorcycle officer he was seriously injured when his cycle crashed head-on into an automobile at Madison Ave. and 18th St.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his mother, Mrs. Stella Diesel, and a sister, Pearl.

Officer Diesel was a member of Robinson Locke Lodge No. 659, F. & A. M., and the Fraternal Order of Police.

The body was taken to the Boyer-Feilbach Mortuary, Collingwood Memorial.