





Dobzenecki, Bert.

CITY OF TOLEDO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

J. C. NEWTON, DIRECTOR

JAY D. MARTIN, SECRETARY

December
nineteenth
1917

Mr. Henry J. Herbert,
Chief Division of Police,
City of Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise you that I have this day promoted and appointed Patrolman Bert J. Dobenecki to the position of Detailed Detective in the Division of Police, the same to take effect on December 20th., 1917.

I have notified the above Officer to report to you for further instructions in his new duties.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Skelding.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

CITY OF TOLEDO

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

September 11, 1922.

Mr. Harry Jennings,
Chief Division of Police,
City of Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

This is to advise that I have this day made the following appointments in the Division of Police, to take effect on September tenth, 1922:

Bert Dobzenecki, from Detailed Detective to Regular Detective.

George Bach, from Patrolman to Detailed Detective.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. D. Light
Director

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

c Best Nobjienicki DeathDate April 7 1945Sergeant Inspector FinkleTime 2⁰⁶ P.M.Sir:

At above time #6 Scout + #4 Patrol
also Cruiser #97 answered an accident
call at Lagrange + Bancroft Sts
Upon arrival they found Detective
Best Nobjienicki in a dying condition.
He had attempted to question a
driver of a machine about his driver's
license. When the officer tried to show

Patrolman _____

Badge No. _____

Relief _____

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Date _____ 19

Sergeant _____

Time _____ M.

his authority for stopping the man the
officer dropped over unconscious.

Respectfully

Patrolman _____

Captain J. Russell

Badge No. _____

Relief _____

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF

C H I E F

APRIL 7TH, 1945.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I ANNOUNCE THAT DETECTIVE-LIEUTENANT
BERT DOBZENIECKI DIED AT 2.15 THIS P.M.

BERT DOBZENIECKI WAS APPOINTED PATROLMAN MARCH 1st, 1914, SERGEANT-
DETECTIVE ON DEC. 20TH, 1917, AND LIEUTENANT-DETECTIVE SEPT. 10, 1922,
AND HE SERVED FAITHFULLY AND WELL AND WAS RESPECTED BY HIS FELLOW
OFFICERS AND OUR CITIZENS.

SERVICES WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1945, AT
GASIOROWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 3302 LAGRANGE, AT 8.30 A.M.
ST HEDWIG CHURCH, 2916 LAGRANGE ST., AT 9.00 A.M.

BODY LIES IN STATE AT GASIOROWSKI FUNERAL HOME.

BURIAL AT CALVARY CEMETERY.

PALLBEARERS;-

DR. FRANK KREFT
JUDGE STANLEY GRZEZINSKI
STANLEY CROSS

LOUIS BRYCZYNSKI
MICHAEL POLZCHAJ
LOUIS HALAS.

MOTORCYCLE DETAIL WILL ESCORT BODY FROM MORTUARY TO CHURCH TO CEMETERY.

FLAGS AT ALL STATIONS WILL BE AT HALF-MAST UNTIL AFTER FUNERAL.

RAY E. ALLEN

CHIEF OF POLICE

APPROVED;-
E. A. DE ANGELO
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY.

J. • Dobrzeniecki Bert J.

Born June 4 1885

Appointed March 1 1914 3-nights with older men

Assigned March 4 1914 Beat by Chief George A. Murphy

" " May -20 1914 Motorcycle-Squad

Promoted Dec -20 1917 Detective-Sergeant " "

" " Sept -10 1922 Detective- Lieutenant " "

Died April 7 1945 At 2:15pm of a heart attack while

on duty.

Services were held in Gosiorowski Funeral Home. At 9:00am. in

St. Hedwig's Church. April 10-1945.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

UNLIGHTED AUTO DRAWS FIRE

Sleuth On Robber Hunt Perils Family Of Four

Mistaking an auto which was occupied by a man and woman and two children for a bandit car, detectives answering a burglar alarm call to 2002 Lagrange-st, fired a bullet thru the rear of the machine late on Wednesday night when the driver failed to stop. The machine had no lights.

The police received a call shortly after 10 p. m. that burglars were in the E. A. Schall drug store at 2002 Lagrange-st. A speed car driven by Patrolman Davis took Detectives Dobzenlecki and Havens to the place.

IGNORES SUMMONS.

Just as the detective car pulled up to the curb about 100 yards from the store, a machine without any lights pulled away from the curb in front of the place. The officers called to the driver to stop. He kept on going. Detective Dobzenlecki fired one shot in the air. Havens shot at the machine. The bullet went thru the rear end just above the tire.

Havens' shot brought the auto to a standstill. Detectives walked to the machine and found Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Briest, Stop 16, Toledo Beach line, and their two children, in the machine.

FIND TWO IN STORE.

Realizing their mistake, the detectives rushed back to the drug store and found two men in the place. One was Leonard Zypkus, 357 Alameda drive, a clerk in the place, and the other was Arthur Lemle. Zypkus told the officers that he and Lemle returned to the store to get a newspaper which he forgot. After questioning, both were released.

Briest later told the police that he thought the detectives were holdup men and that if it had not been for his wife's pleadings he would have stopped.

Briest and his family had been visiting in the neighborhood. He said he forgot to turn on the lights on his machine when he started for home.

AS MURDER SUSPECT FACED QUESTIONERS



Steve Kotowicz, 22-year-old suspect in the murder of Clement L. Mikolajczyk, Lagrange street grocer, is shown at the left as he faced his interrogators today in a quiz at the Safety building. Seated at the table, left to right, are Kotowicz, Detectives Bert Dobzeniecki and George Eckerman, and Joel Rhinefort, assistant Lucas county prosecutor. Standing are Detective Joseph Swiatecki, left, and Detective Ralph Murphy.



LONG AGO

WHAT A difference in styles, as well as personnel, a quarter of a century makes. Members of the Toledo detective bureau posed for this picture June 10, 1922. The cap for formal wear by well-dressed sleuth was on its way out, while the old bowler of the teen decade had disappeared. Left to right, in the top row, are Joseph Fruchey, now head of the bureau; Roy Havens, retired; Michael Rowan, Ernest Raitz, Joseph Swiatecki, Capt. William Carroll (deceased), William Julert (deceased), Fred Langhoff, Bernard Cummings, retired; James Ford, retired; John Mullen, Michael Daly (deceased). Center row, Capt. Fred Buck, retired; John Hodges (deceased), Edward Harris (deceased), William Culver (deceased), Dan Gavin (deceased), John Connors, retired; Stanley Kina, retired; Frank DeLora, Garnet Stevenson, Edward Eaton (deceased); Dick Martin (deceased); Capt. Ralph Van Vorce, retired. Seated,

John Henahan (deceased), William Herman (deceased), Capt. James O'Reilly, retired; Irving Brown (deceased), Albert Hassenzahl (deceased), John Hovey (deceased), Louis Kruse, retired; Stephen Quinn (deceased), Frank Peters (deceased), Charles Mavis, retired; Inspector William Delehanty, later chief of police (deceased); Bert Dobzeniecki (deceased), and Fred Palicki (deceased). Such bureau stalwarts as Capts. Mose McCloskey, Emmet Cairl, Edward Rock (deceased); Capts. Willard Rydman, retired, and George Timiney, now Lucas County sheriff; Inspector Louis Hass, former chief of police, and Arthur Langendorf were not available on that day long ago when this picture was snapped in front of the old police headquarters on Superior St. Only 9 of the 44 men then comprising the bureau are still active in Toledo police work.