

Brennan John Christopher

Born Dec 24 1887

Appoint April - 9 1917 3-nites with older men

Resigned Sept 30 1920 For a better job.

Reinsta. Feb 8 1921 Beat by Chief Henry J Herbert

Promoted July 1 1935 Det-Sergeant

" July 1 1937 Det-Lieutenant

Retired April 21 1949 By Request- Heavy drinker.

Died Sept 19 1949 4,30am.

He was one of Toledo's most colorful Police officers. He was Born Carry Ireland when a young man he came to the United States of America and took a job as a motorman with the old Toledo Railway and Light Co. He was known to thousands as Chris. He served in every squad and in every division of the police dept. He was a foot-patrolman and he served a period of time on the police mounted squad. He served as a member of the famous hoodlum squad headed by Captain George Timiney and now Lucas County Sheriff. He helped drive the Licavoli gang out of business and sent the leaders to the Ohio Penitentiary and they there to-day. He was credited with saving the life of Det-Lieut Frank DeLore when he and Captain Timiney were questioning three Hoodlums in the 300 block of Nebraska ave. One of them was a escapee from the Michigan State Prison Jackson Mich. This hoodlum place a gun into the stomach of Det-Lieut DeLora and was about to shoot when Det Brennan grabbed the gun-mans arm and the shot went off striking the gun-mans head killing him instantly.



J. C. Brennan

Brennan, John. C.

CITY OF TOLEDO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

J. C. NEWTON, DIRECTOR

April 5th., 1917.

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

Dear Chief:-

This is to notify you that I
have this day appointed the following men
to the position of Patrolman in the Divi-
sion of Police, to take effect April 9th.,
1917, at 7 A. M.:

✓ J. J. Mullen, J. Rozanski, Allen Snyder,
✓ George B. Timiney, Casimir Wawrzyniak, Wm.
✓ Wyatt, L. Keister, V. J. Kwapich, John Bren-
nan, George F. Sheirmyer, Carl H. Menke, A.
✓ W. Muntz, Albert Kuhr, Fred W. Langhoff, L. S.
✓ Jaswiecki, Maurice P. Walsh, Wm. H. Julert,
✓ E. C. Peart, Sam Weisman, , G. D.
✓ Howe, J. V. Willett, Christ Willard.

Yours truly,

J. C. Newton
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chas. Henocah

May 13, 1929.

Civil Service Commission,
City of Toledo, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Would respectfully request that I be granted a leave of absence from June 20th to Sept. 1st, 1929, inc., my 1929 vacation period of 2 weeks to be included in this time.

I desire to visit my father and mother in Ireland as I have not seen them for 24 years, and latest news from them indicate they are old and infirm and will not be alive much longer.

I am asking immediate action on this request on account of the time necessary to obtain passports, boat tickets etc., and trust you will act favorably on my request.

Respectfully,

FG

Patrolman.

The Toledo Civil Service Commission

BERNARD GROENEWOLD, PRESIDENT
PHILIP F. MURPHY
EDMUND T. COLLINS
FRED N. GOOSMAN, SECRETARY AND CHIEF EXAMINER

May
eighteenth
1929.

Mr. Louis J. Haas,
Chief of Police,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission, at its meeting of the 14th, granted the following leave of absence:

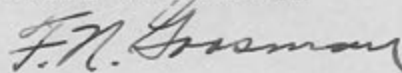
Patrolman John Brennan, from June 20th to September 1st, inclusive (two weeks vacation to be included in this time).

Patrolman Paul C. Hauser, from May 29th to June 16th, inclusive.

Said leaves to be without pay, and are in accordance with your approval.

Yours truly,

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION



Secretary.

FNG:KR.

July 1st, 1935.

Detailed Detective J. C. Brennan,
Police Department.

Dear Sir:-

You have, this date, been promoted
to position of "Detailed Detective."

Your promotion was made on the
basis of past performance.

We trust that you will continue
the good work and merit the confidence of
your superiors and the citizens of Toledo.

Respectfully,

John A. Price Approved
Director of Public Safety.

Daniel T. Wolf
Chief of Police.

July 1,

1937

Mr. Chris Brennan,
Detailed Detective.

Sir:

In consideration of your faithful application to duty in the Detective Bureau, effective this date, you are promoted to the position of Regular Detective.

With the hope that continued good work will merit even greater success and reward in the future, I am,

Yours sincerely,

CHIEF OF POLICE.

Approved:

CITY MANAGER,
Acting Director Of Public Safety.

No. 366

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE

ISSUED A

CERTIFICATE

TO

NAME *John C. Brennan*

RANK *Regular Detective*

By *Ray E. Allen*
Chief

Director of Public Safety

John N. Eddy
City Manager

DATE *July 1, 1937*

FOR *Promotion to the*
rank of Regular Detective
Division of Police

FILE AS A PERMANENT RECORD

Dec. 6th, 1938.


Detective C. Hartung,
" J. Brennan.

I wish to commend you for the excellent manner in which you apprehended one Albert Tennison, colored, for the rape of Mrs. E. Graham, white, of 931 Superior St.

It is this kind of work that makes me proud to be a member of this division, and I sincerely trust that you will continue this fine work.

A copy of this citation will be placed in your personal file.

Respectfully,


R. E. Allen
Chief of Police.

Cy/ Inspector Fruchey;

C. Hartung File
J. Brennan File. ✓

*file
Brennan*

CITY OF TOLEDO

OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE



RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

JOHN N. EDY
City Manager

Toledo O.
Jan. 23-1939.

Inspector. J. Fruchey. Sir.

At 7pm. on your orders went to the home of Detective C.J. Brennan, 4 33 Sumner st, and found him confined to his bed, with his head all in bandages, and he stated that he was being treated by Dr. Earl Heilner, of Western ave, Det Brennan had permission from Inspector J. Fruchey and Myself to go to Detroit Mich, to question William Culbertson, known as the Baby face bandit, now under arrest there, in references to Larcenies from Catholic Churches here, and he said that he left Toledo in the early afternoon of Saturday Jan 21-39, with Capt. George Timiney, whom he had asked to go with him, and they left in Capt Timiney Auto, and drove to Detroit Mich to the Police Dept. there, and they met some Detroit Detectives and were taken over to the Detroit Receiving Hospital where they interviewed this man Culbertson, and Culbertson denied that he had any thing to do with Larcenies from any church, but Culbertson did admit the gas station holdups here. and he stated that they remained in Detroit untill late that evening, and on returning from Detroit, they stopped on their way in Monroe Mich and had something to eat and from there they drove into Toledo, arriving about midnight, going to the Lorraine Hotel where Capt Timiney is living, and he remained in their company of Capt. Timiney untill about 2.30am or 3am, and when he decided to go home he and Capt Timiney left the Hotel to go over and get his car, which was parked in a lot on 11th st, and when they got outside of the hotel on the 11th st side, Capt. Timiney was going to drive his car over to the Garage for the night, and Det. Brennan was going to cross the street for his auto, and as he walked across the sidewalk toward the street he slipped on the icy sidewalk, and fell to the sidewalk striking the back of his head, putting a severe cut in the back of his head, and was rendered unconscious, and Capt. Timiney put him in his car, Capt Timineys car, and drove him home, where Dr Heilner was called, and gave him aid and is still treating him, making two call to his home to-day,

On Sunday Jan 22-39, Mrs Brennan called the Office at about 5pm and reported her husband sick and disabled, and I reported him on the Sick list,

Det Brennan working hours are from 7pm to 3am Jan 16th to Jan 31 Incl.

*14 Jan 22
to Feb 12 inc
J.S.*

Resp.

Cap W.P. [Signature]
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CITY OF TOLEDO

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
327 Safety Building
ADams 2197-8

J. H. Nathanson
Jas. Slater Gibson
Ray O. Martin, Jr.
Harvey G. Straub
Merritt W. Green
S. R. Urbanski
Rolland F. Buehrer,
Assistants

March 27th, 1939

MARTIN S. DODD
Director of Law

Supd. Fruehling authorized
M.S.D.

Detectives Hartung and Brennan
Police Chief Ray Allen ✓

Gentlemen:

The case of Rice v. City Stores, arising out of an arrest made by the two detectives at the City Stores of a man named Rice for supposedly throwing a stench bomb is set for hearing on April 24th.

We do not believe it is necessary that Chief Allen pay any attention to this matter as he is in no way involved. However, it might be well for the two detectives to contact the writer within the next week or so that a proper preparation for trial may be made.

Very truly yours,

Martin S. Dodd,
Director of Law,

Harvey G. Straub
Asst. Director of Law.

HGS:S

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

DIST. ZONE DB

February 8 19 44

EXAMINED BY _____ RANK _____ 19 _____

FROM Joseph Canepa, Capt. TO Frank Story, Inspector
Commanding Det. BureauSUBJECT Accident to Person by Falling, Lt. John C. Brennan,
433 Sumner Ave., Toledo, O.

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Sir:

At 6:15 this P.M. received a radio call on Car 70 to call my office. I was informed by Lieut. Thomas McNeil that one Lieut. John C. Brennan of the Toledo Police Dept. was injured at the Terminal Depot and at that time the Lieut. could be found at the office of Dr. Edward Castle, Room 200, Republic Bldg.

On my arrival there found Sgt. Haase, Detx. Day and learned from them that the Lieut. was under the doctor's care. A few minutes later Dr. Allen R. Howard came in the waiting room and stated that he had attended Lieut. John C. Brennan and his injuries consisted of a compound fracture of the nose and small cerebral ~~contusion~~ concussion, not serious, and he was about to release the man.

With Sgt. Haase and Det. Day interviewed Lieut. John C. Brennan who stated that while going to the train at the Terminal Station his prisoner Charles H. Tucker, Jr. our #47595, who was being taken to Toledo by him asked him if he could buy a cigar at Harvey's before entering the train. Due to the fact that this prisoner gave himself up to be returned to Toledo Lieut. Brennan told him to go on ahead and he would wait outside near the door of Harvey's and he remained nearby the door. There is no other way of getting away. After the prisoner Charles H. Tucker bought this cigar he walked away from the Lieut., either maliciously or he failed to recognize him at the door. Lieut. Brennan noticed Tucker walking away alone and ran after him. In between, there was a sailor with two sacks on the floor. Going over them he tripped, causing him to fall on his face, and he received the above injuries.

Lieut. John C. Brennan was brought to this office and questioned by me as to his injuries, also all the circumstances concerning his accident were checked and searches were made for the prisoner. When last seen the prisoner was in the Terminal Depot, confusing himself in the crowd.

From my investigation I am absolutely satisfied that the accident occurred as reported, as the sailor with these bags was still there, who stated he was going on overseas service and didn't want to be mentioned in any reports.

Respectfully,

Joseph Canepa

Captain.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CLEVELAND, OHIO

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

DIST. DB ZONE

February 8, 19 44.

EXAMINED BY _____

RANK _____

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FROM Thomas F. Mc Neil, Lieut. TO Joseph Canepa, Capt.

SUBJECT L.D. Phone call from Toledo Ohio.

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Sir:

At 6.10 this P.M. received Long Distance Phone Call over Main 1270 Ext. 362 from Sergt. Sembach, Toledo Ohio Police Dept. who stated that at the request of Inspector Jcs. Fruchey, Inspector Of Detectives of that Department, they would like a complete investigation made as to how their Lieut. John C. Brennan had received his injuries and the complete details on the escape of Charles Henry Tucker Jr. who escaped from Lieut. Brennan's custody at the Terminal Tower Depot about 5.45 this P.M. while said Officer was returning subject to Toledo Ohio on charge of Issuing Checks to Defraud, this prisoner having been arrested in Cleveland and turned over to the Toledo Ohio Officer at 2.30 this P.M.


Charges on call paid at Toledo Ohio.

Sergt. Haase et al. & Capt. Canepa investigating.

Note* Charles H. Tucker Jr. was picked up at 2.00 A.M. 2/4/44 by Sergt. Mc Donald et al. after having called this Office, stating that he was wanted and wanted to give himself up. Picked up at Theatrical Grill on Vincent Ave. after having called this Office from Earl Williams Cafe on Vincent Ave. It is not known where he may have been staying in Cleveland. Supposed to hang around down-town Cafes. Subject gave the address 707 Cherry St. Toledo Ohio when booked.

"Escape Prisoner" message with complete description, teletyped and Broadcast.

Respectfully,



Lieut.

Lucas County Tavern Keepers Association, Inc.

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MAIN 7511

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MERRITT W. GREEN, COUNSEL
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MAUNEE LU-2746

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747 SPITZER BUILDING
Toledo 4, Ohio

January 28, 1946

Col. Maurice Meyer
Safety Director
525 Erie Street
Toledo, Ohio

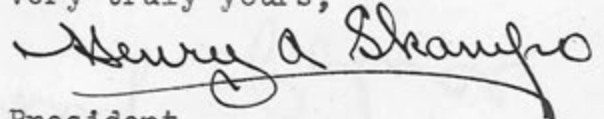
Dear Sir:

It is indeed a pleasure for our organization to take this opportunity to thank your officers, Mr. John Mullin and Mr. Christ Brennan, for the interest they have shown and the work they have done in assisting us in trying to catch up with some of these worthless check passers.

The information which was turned over to us yesterday has been posted in our warehouse liquor store, whereby each and every permit holder in Lucas County has been instructed to be on the lookout, and if at any time confronted with this operator to hold him and immediately call the Police Department.

As an organization of small businessmen that are trying to uplift our standards in the eyes of the public, we appreciate this information and assure you that we are only too glad to cooperate with you and your Department wherever possible.

Very truly yours,



President,
Lucas County Tavern
Keepers Association, Inc.

HAS:RB



RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE

July 1, 1947

Inspector Fruchey,

Sir:

About 930pm June 30, 1947, I was working with Detective Dlugewicz, of the robbery squad, when we heard a broadcast of an attempt robbery of the Schulte Cigar Store at Madison and StClair. We started for the cigar store and heard another broadcast that the man had been followed to the Royal Theatre. We went there and found some uniform officers. We went up and down the isles looking over the crowd, which took some time. Then went to the bus station and the union depot, and other spots.

About 1045pm I called the office and Detective Raitz was on the desk. He said that some man had fallen from his auto and injured his head and was taken to Mercy Hospital. I told him that if they called from the hospital, and the case looked serious, to call Captain Murphy - he said he would.

I stayed on the air until 1150pm, working on the stick up. Detective Dlugewicz let me out of the police car at Speilbusch and Jackson and I went home.

Respectfully,

W. A. Rydman,
Captain of Detectives.

W. A. Rydman
Det Bureau

1. Director

2. Chief of Police

3. Inspector, Staff Office

4. Inspector of Police

5. Inspector of Detectives

6. Inspector of Traffic

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8. Cap't. No. 1 Station

9. Cap't. No. 2 Station

10. Captain Detectives

11. Captain Crime Prevention

12. Women's Bureau

RECORD DIV. NO.

CLASS

NUMBER

SUPPLEMENTAL OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE

POLICE DEPARTMENT
TOLEDO, OHIO

DATE OF OFFENSE

DETAILS OF OFFENSE: PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION: PERSONS INTERVIEWED: ADDITIONAL PROPERTY STOLEN, ETC.

TO:

DATE OF THIS REPORT

SIR:

IN REGARD TO MY INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE OFFENSE, I REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Inspector Truckey
 In reference to Det. Ernest Brenner, accident of June 1st 47
 I don't know any thing about it, I was told by Det. Keith
 Paity that Brenner had a accident at 14th & South
 and was taken to Mercy Hospital.

Dispatcher record shows, 10³¹ P.M. Man hit
 by auto 7 Patrol + 97 accident crew sent Brenner
 sent to Mercy Hospital

Respectfully
 Det. Ernest Brenner

INVESTIGATING OFFICER

(IF NECESSARY, USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS)

Form R. D. 10-A.—This sheet to be immediately forwarded to RECORD DIVISION.

DR. HARRY M. SCOTT

2360 MONROE STREET
TOLEDO, OHIO

August 8, 1947

Chief Ray E. Allen
Safety Building
Toledo, Ohio

In Re: Detective-Lieutenant
John C. Brennan.

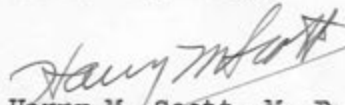
Dear Sir:

This man is under the care of Doctor Earl Heilner and Doctor J. N. Fidelholtz and at present is a patient at Maumee Valley Hospital. The story is that he fell while pushing an automobile June 30 and struck his head against the street or the car. An X-ray of his skull revealed a linear fracture at the base of his skull.

Examination of spinal fluid revealed considerable blood.

In the early days of his hospital confinement he was somewhat irrational and considerably confused at times. At present he is making satisfactory progress and it is the opinion of Doctor Fidelholtz that he will probably be discharged within the next ten days, however, his physicians feel that it will be approximately thirty days before he will be able to return to work.

Yours very truly,


Harry M. Scott, M. D.

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DR. HARRY M. SCOTT
2360 MONROE STREET
TOLEDO, OHIO

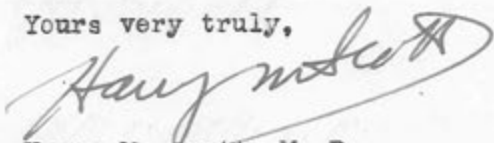
August 26, 1947

Chief Ray E. Allen
Safety Building
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Detective John C. Brennan was visited at his home, 433 Sumner Street, this morning. He apparently has made rapid progress in his recovery from the accident he suffered June 30. He shows little evidence of his actual injury although the X-ray makes a positive diagnosis of fractured skull without depression. It is unlikely that any disability will result from the fractured skull. At present he is somewhat nervous, weak and unsteady in his gait which probably is entirely due to muscular weakness. It is my opinion and that of his personal physician that he will be able to return to light duty September 15.

Yours very truly,


Harry M. Scott, M. D.

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CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

DIVISION OF POLICE

November 3rd, 1948.

Honorable City Council,
City of Toledo, Ohio.

Thru office of
Director, Public Safety.

Gentlemen:-

Below is copy of report from Lieutenant-Detective John C. Brennan, under date of 10-28-48.

"On the evening of October 9th, 1948, about 7.15 P.M. I was passing the Panama Cafe, 1019 Ironwood, and a colored man, whose name I do not know, called to me. I stopped my car and he told me there was a Mexican in the cafe whom he thought was going to cause trouble. I went into the cafe and the Mexican was standing in the middle of the room with a bottle of beer in his hand. I walked up to him and asked him to sit down and drink his beer and behave himself. He said "I know you, I'm going to sit down." I then walked to the end of the bar and was talking to a man named Pat Reardon and his wife. While standing between Reardon and his wife, and in conversation with them, I looked down through the place and the Mexican was then sitting on a stool next to Mrs. Reardon who was on my right. I paid no more attention to him and as I turned my head to talk to Mr. Reardon the Mexican lunged at me and slashed me with a knife across my lips. Also slashed my suit beyond repair. I was taken from the cafe to the East Side Hospital where my wounds were taken care of by Dr. Gentile. When the Mexican slashed me he backed away and ran out of the door. I fired two shots at him but missed."

This Mexican is known to this division and fingerprints and photo are on file in our Bureau, and Detective Brennan has sworn to a warrant charging this Mexican with "Cutting to Kill", and we are making every effort to apprehend him.

Detective Brennan requests that his suit of clothes, which were ruined, be replaced.

Respectfully,

R. E. Allen
Chief of Police.

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| 1. Safety Director | 2. Chief of Police | 3. Inspector, Staff Office | 4. Inspector of Police | 5. Inspector of Detectives |
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CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

DIVISION OF POLICE
Safety Building
Toledo 2, Ohio

GEORGE N. SCHOONMAKER
City Manager



RAY E. ALLEN
Chief of Police

Apr. 6th, 1949.

Pension Board,
City of Toledo.

Would like to be placed on pension as
of Apr. 21st.

John C. Brennan

John C. Brennan
Detective-Lieutenant.

Cy. Civil Service Commission.
Director, Public Safety.



CITY OF TOLEDO
OHIO

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
110 Cherry St., Toledo 4, Ohio

TOM QUINN, PRESIDENT

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CARL H. BRANDENBERGER
CHIEF EXAMINER

JOHN CONNOLLY
SECRETARY

May 2, 1949

Ray E. Allen, Chief,
Division of Police,
Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Confirming a recent telephone conversation, I wish to request a statement by you as to the employment record of John C. Brennan, Detective-Lieutenant, for the past ten years; also the reason for his being placed on pension as of April 21, 1949, and events leading up to his retirement.

Very truly yours,

TOLEDO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

Floyd L. Bossler
Floyd L. Bossler, Personnel Officer
and Claims Adjuster.

FLB/m.