

MEMORANDUM IN RE OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALI-
ZATION SERVICE KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY. RECORD PROBABLY IN-
COMPLETE AS TO THOSE KILLED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1924.

Total Known Number Killed - 25.

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CLARENCE M. CHILRESS - Mounted Guard - Age not shown - Killed April 16, 1918.

Length of service: 1 year, 2 months.

Salary: \$1,520.

Manner met death: Died of gunshot wound inflicted by smugglers at Monument Number 9, international boundary near El Paso, Texas, while attempting to apprehend several Mexicans who were attempting to enter illegally.

Dependents: Widow and two children.

Compensation: \$60.50 per month paid until one child married on August 27, 1928. Other child reached the age of 18. Widow now receives \$38.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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CHARLES GARDNER - Mounted Guard - Age 40 - Killed October 22, 1922.

Length of service: 4 years, 2 months.

Salary: \$1,320.

Manner met death: Shot and killed without warning by driver of a wagon, loaded with smuggled liquor, which he was approaching to inspect.

Dependents: Wife and four children.

Compensation: \$66.67 per month paid until two children married and one reached the age of 18. Widow and one child now receive \$49.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: File indicates that little or no property was left.

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JAMES F. MANKIN - Patrol Inspector - Age 22 - Killed September 14, 1924.

Length of service: 2 months.

Salary: \$1,680.

Manner met death: This officer was killed while on patrol duty in a Government car by the accidental discharge of a Government rifle caused by its

slipping from its scabbard and falling onto the running board of the car, the bullet striking Mankin, who was driving, behind the ear.

Dependents: Widowed mother.

Compensation: Mother received \$20.00 per month for eight years. Case closed.

Financial condition of family: Mother in poor circumstances.

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FRANK H. CLARK - Patrol Inspector - Age not shown - Killed December 13, 1924.

Length of service: 5 months.

Salary: \$1,680.

Manner met death: Shot and killed from ambush near Gordova Island, El Paso, Texas, by smugglers' scouts who were concealed on American side of international boundary line for purpose of warning and protecting the smugglers should the presence of officers be detected.

Dependents: Widow and two children.

Compensation: \$65.00 per month paid until children reached the age of 18. Widow now receives \$49.00 per month.

Financial condition of family: Report written in 1928 indicates both sons employed and contributing to mother's support and that family was not in particularly dire need.

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JOSEPH P. RILEY - Patrol Inspector - Age 31 - Died April 6, 1925.

Length of service: 7 months.

Salary: \$1,680.

Manner met death: Patrol Inspectors Riley and Blundell were patrolling in a Government-owned car about one and one-half miles from Eureka, Montana, when the tie-rod broke causing the automobile to leave the road and go over a high bank, inflicting injuries upon Riley from which he died two days later.

Dependents: Mother.

Compensation: Mother received \$28.00 per month for a period of eight years. Case closed.

Financial condition of family: Letter in file states mother was badly in need of funds.

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AUGUSTIN de La PENA - Patrol Inspector - Age 43 - Killed August 2, 1925.

Length of service: 2 years, 1 month.

Salary: \$1,740.

Manner met death: Shot and killed at Rio Grande City, Texas, by an insane Mexican alien whom he was attempting to arrest.

Dependents: Widow and eight children.

Compensation: \$96.67 per month paid. Seven children have reached age of 18. Widow and one child now receive \$65.25 per month.

Financial condition of family: Letter from the Inspector in Charge at Brownsville, Texas, written in 1928 reported the family to be in pitiful circumstances. This officer's last words were, "My poor family."

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WILLIAM W. McKEE - Patrol Inspector - Age 40 - Killed April 23, 1926.

Length of service: 3 months.

Salary: \$1,680.

Manner met death: Shot and killed from ambush near the Alambre Ranch, 40 miles southwest of Tucson, Arizona, by alien liquor smugglers, whom he was pursuing.

Dependents: Widow.

Compensation: Widow receives \$49.00 per month.

Financial condition of family: File shows that this officer's widow was 39 years of age at time of his death, practically destitute and afflicted with tuberculosis.

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LON PARKER - Patrol Inspector - Age 34 - Killed July 28, 1926.

Length of service: 2 years.

Salary: \$1,800.

Manner met death: Ambushed and shot in the back by alien smugglers whom he was trailing alone near the Wills Ranch, west of the Huachuca Mountains in Arizona.

Dependents: Widow.

Compensation: Widow receives \$52.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Widow received \$7,500 insurance; will probably not remarry.

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THAD PIPPIN - Patrol Inspector - Age 37 - Killed April 21, 1927.

Length of service: 2 years.

Salary: \$1,740.

Manner met death: Shot and killed during an encounter with smugglers in the mountains near Pelea, New Mexico.

Dependents: None.

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FRANKLIN B. WOOD - Patrol Inspector - Age 33 - Killed December 15, 1927.

Length of service: 1 year, 9 months.

Salary: \$1,740.

Manner met death: Disappeared while in pursuit of a motor boat loaded with smuggled aliens in the Detroit River near Wyandotte, Michigan. His wrecked boat, which bore evidence of having been rammed by the smugglers, was found, but his body was never located. Apparently he was either drowned or killed by the smugglers and thrown into the river.

Dependents: Mother.

Compensation: Mother received \$22.50 per month until her death on December 3, 1931.

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NORMAN G ROSS - Patrol Inspector - Age 27 - Killed February 15, 1928.

Length of service: 2 years.

Salary: \$1,800

Manner met death: Shot and killed near Kane Springs, California by one of two Mexicans he had taken into custody and was conveying to patrol headquarters.

Dependents: Widow and child.

Compensation: Widow and child receive \$67.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: File indicates family was left penniless.

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ROBERT H. IOBDELL - Patrol Inspector - Age 30 - Killed December 25, 1923.

Length of service: 6 months.

Salary: \$1,300

Manner met death: Shot and killed on highway near Roseau, Minnesota, by a vagrant he was questioning with a view to determining whether he was an alien in the act of entering the United States illegally.

Dependents: Widow.

Compensation: Widow receives \$52.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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EARL A. ROBERTS - Patrol Inspector - Age 36 - Killed March 23, 1929.

Length of service: 2 months.

Salary: \$1,800.

Manner met death: Shot and killed by a liquor smuggler at Algonac, Michigan.

Dependents: Widow and two children.

Compensation: Widow and two children receive \$82.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Widow and children destitute, and by Executive authority she was appointed as matron in this Service at salary of \$1,560 per annum.

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BENJAMIN T. HILL - Patrol Inspector - Age 28 - Killed May 30, 1929.

Length of service: 16 days.

Salary: \$1,800.

Manner met death: Shot and killed near international boundary in El Paso, Texas, while pursuing on foot an alien narcotic smuggler. The smuggler, while being pursued through an alley, suddenly wheeled and shot Hill through the heart, killing him instantly.

Dependents: None.

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IVAN E. SCOTTEN - Patrol Inspector - Age 26 - Killed July 20, 1929.

Length of service: 9 months.

Salary: \$1,800.

Manner met death: Shot and killed at Los Pompos Crossing, on the Rio Grande River near San Elizario, Texas, by Mexican smugglers numbering about twenty-five, who ambushed Scotten and three brother officers.

Dependents: Mother.

Compensation: Mother receives \$18.75 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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MILES J. SCANNELL - Senior Patrol Inspector - Age 34 - Killed September 9, 1929.

Length of service: 8 years, 9 months.

Salary: \$2,200.

Manner met death: Killed on the bank of the Rio Grande River, 60 miles east of Presidio, Texas, by several aliens whom he was attempting to arrest. Signs indicated that while walking with several aliens he had in custody, he was shot from ambush by another. Body bore two bullet and fifteen stab wounds.

Dependents: Widow and one child.

Compensation: Widow and child receive \$78.75 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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WILLIAM D. McCALIB - Patrol Inspector - Age 35 - Killed January 7, 1930.

Length of service: 1 year, 2 months.

Salary: \$1,860.

Manner met death: Shot and killed in Alice, Texas, by a Mexican alien, an escaped convict, whom he and a brother officer were attempting to arrest.

Dependents: Wife and one child.

Compensation: \$69.75 per month paid until death of widow on March 15, 1930.
Child receives \$38.75 per month.

Financial condition of family: File indicates family was left without money.

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HARRY E. VINCENT - Patrol Inspector - Age 35 - Killed March 25, 1930.

Length of service: 4 years.

Salary: \$2,000.

Manner met death: Run down and killed by an automobile near Oceanside, California, while inspecting highway traffic in search of smuggled aliens.

Dependents: Widow and one child.

Compensation: \$75.00 per month paid until widow remarried on August 6, 1930.
Child receives \$41.67 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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ROBERT W. KELSAY - Senior Patrol Inspector - Age 31 - Killed June 25, 1930.

Length of service: 3 years.

Salary: \$2,000.

Manner met death: Shot and killed by Mexican liquor smugglers at Laredo, Texas.

Dependents: Widow.

Compensation: Widow receives \$58.33 per month.

Financial condition of family: File indicates that no property was left to wife.

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LAURENCE E. DOTEN - Immigrant Inspector - Age 34 - Killed August 24, 1930.

Length of service: 1 year, 5 months.

Salary: \$2,300.

Manner met death: Shot and killed at Emo, Ontario, by a train robber whom he encountered while inspecting a Canadian National passenger train en route to the United States port of entry. The killer shot Inspector Doten without warning thinking that the inspector was there to arrest him.

Dependents: Widow and two children.

Compensation: \$96.25 per month paid until widow's death on May 25, 1931.

Two children receive \$61.25 per month.

Financial condition of family: File shows that wife was an invalid undergoing hospital treatment for tuberculosis at time of husband's death.

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LAWRENCE C. JONES - Immigrant Inspector - Age 37 - Killed August 24, 1930.

Length of service: 3 years, 5 months.

Salary: \$2,100.

Manner met death: Shot and killed at Emo, Ontario, by a train robber whom he encountered while inspecting a Canadian National passenger train en route to the United States port of entry. The killer shot Inspector Jones without warning thinking that the inspector was there to arrest him.

Dependents: Widow and two children.

Compensation: Widow and two children receive \$96.25 per month.

Financial condition of family: Letter from attorney stated that Mrs. Jones and her two small children were very much in need.

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FRANK VIDMAR - Patrol Inspector - Age 31 - Killed March 24, 1932.

Length of service: 9 months.

Salary: \$1,800.

Manner met death: Killed while pursuing alien and liquor smuggler at Niagara Falls, New York. While attempting to block off smuggler's car, patrol car skidded on icy street and collided with a street car, causing death to the above named, who was driving.

Dependents: Widow, who was expectant mother.

Compensation: Widow and child receive \$67.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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CHARLES F. INCH - Patrol Inspector - Age 30 - Killed June 26, 1932.

Length of service: 1 year, 8 months.

Salary: \$1,860.

Manner met death: Killed in Michigan Central Tunnel yard at Detroit, Michigan while attempting to board a moving freight train in pursuit of two aliens who were attempting to enter illegally from Canada. He was thrown from the train, the wheels of which passed over his body.

Dependents: Mother and father.

Compensation: Mother and father receive \$46.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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DOYNE C. MELTON - Patrol Inspector - Age 31 - Killed December 7, 1933.

Length of service: 6 years, 2 months.

Salary: \$1,860.

Manner met death: Shot and killed in battle between twenty smugglers and six patrol officers at El Paso, Texas. The smugglers' spotter, concealed on the American side of the boundary, precipitated the battle by shooting Melton through the heart without warning and before any challenge had been made by the officers, who were moving quietly up so as to intercept the main body of smugglers as they crossed the river.

Dependents: Widow.

Compensation: Widow receives \$54.25 per month.

Financial condition of family: In a letter to the President this officer's widow stated she was in desperate need.

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BERT G. WALTHALL - Patrol Inspector - Age 33 - Killed December 27, 1933.

Length of service: 2 years, 6 months.

Salary: \$1,800

Manner met death: Shot and killed in El Paso, Texas, by Mexican liquor smugglers. As Walthall and two brother patrol officers drew abreast of an automobile occupied by three Mexicans, two of whom the officers had seen cross the river illegally, the Mexicans opened fire on the patrol car with rifles without warning, killing Walthall instantly and wounding a second officer in the head.

Dependents: Wife and one child.

Compensation: Widow and child receive \$67.50 per month.

Financial condition of family: Not shown.

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ALPHONSE G. BERNARD, Immigrant Inspector. Killed July 11, 1920. While inspecting highway traffic near Campo, California, was deliberately run down and killed by a smuggler who refused to stop his automobile when signaled by the officers. 1-1920

ROSS A. GARINER, Patrol Inspector. Killed October 28, 1925. While proceeding from San Diego to Elsinore, California, on a Government-owned motorcycle collided with a parked automobile which had no lights and received injuries from which he died a few hours later.

CHARLES L. HOPKINS, Mounted Watchman. Killed May 8, 1919. Was killed in a gun fight with Mexican smugglers who had crossed the Rio Grande River near Laredo, Texas, and were attempting to enter the United States with contraband. 1-1919

JAMES M. McCABE, Immigrant Inspector. Died March 3, 1923. Inspector McCabe was severely injured by a smuggler whom he had attempted to take into custody on the night of June 3, 1920, while patrolling the Detroit River in a Government launch. He never recovered from the injury and died on March 3, 1923. 3