

City Council Pays Tribute to Memory of David O'Brien, Courageous Officer Who Lost his Life On Field of Battle.

Whereas, the citizens of this community and of the entire State of Illinois were shocked and horrified by the terrible tragedy which occurred on Sunday morning, August 3, 1924, resulting in the death of Assistant Chief of Police David W. O'Brien, and the serious wounding of Chief of Police William H. Roy at the hands of a malignant and vicious desperado, therefore,

Be it resolved, by the mayor and the city council of the City of Canton, Illinois, that in the death of Officer Dave O'Brien, the City of Canton has lost an efficient, able and courageous officer, and a gentleman of noble character, ever faithful to his oath of office and the trust confided in him by his fellow citizens; that he died as he had lived, a modest and valiant hero, facing a desperate foe on the field of battle in the line of duty, and that he paid the supreme sacrifice in behalf of his fellow men, that the sanctity of the home might be preserved, and human society protected from a depraved assassin who was a scourge and a menace to mankind; and be it further resolved,

That the Chief of Police William H. Roy, who now lies on a bed of pain in the Graham hospital, suffering from many deadly wounds, conducted himself in this dreadful emergency as a true and gallant officer of the law and guardian of public safety, unarmed and unafraid, facing a deadly foe in an heroic effort to assist his fellow officer, until rendered helpless and stricken low by the terrible wounds which he is now suffering; that he too has always conscientiously endeavored to perform the duties of his position in such a manner as to promote the public welfare and safety, and the interest of his community, as a courageous officer and gentleman of honor and integrity; and be in further resolved,

That in behalf of the entire citizenship of Canton and community, we express the deepest regret and sorrow at the loss of Dave O'Brien and the serious condition of William H. Roy, and we further express the sincere pride of a grateful people at the heroic and noble manner in which, in a moment of great crisis, they remained true to the great trust confided in them by this city throwing themselves as a shield between society and its common foe and be it further resolved,

That we extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of Mr. O'Brien in their bereavement with the hope and trust that they may be comforted by the knowledge that his memory and the memory of his heroic deeds will ever be known and cherished by the thankful people for whom he gave his all; that we extend our sincere sympathy to Chief Roy and his family in this, his time of suffering, and assure him that the united prayers of a loving community are being raised to Almighty God for his speedy and thorough recovery; and be it further resolved,

That, these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting of the city council, copies sent to the family of David w. O'Brien, to Chief William H. Roy and his family, and to the press of this city.

Passed by the mayor and city council of the City of Canton, Illinois, this fifth day of August, A. D., 1924.

H. L. Wilhelm
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Mayor

Joseph Waugh
Attest, Joseph Waugh
City Clerk