Fireman to be shifted

Reprimanded by the Board of Fire Commissioners a week ago, Firefighter Argel Pettit completed six days of continuous duty Thursday and was informed that he would be transferred to another station house.

Pettit, who joined the department 10 months ago, was assigned 24 hours-duty daily for six days after violation of four department regulations.

The 30-year-old fireman said he was punished for complaining about discrimination at Engine Co., No. 35 at Pontiac Ave., and 5th St., in Brooklyn.

He had complained to his commanding officer about separate living facilities.

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THE CASE of Pettit, who resides in the 3500 block Round Rd. in Cherry Hill has been referred to the legal redress committee of the NAACP.

According to his attorney, Jay G. McRae, since publication of Pettit's story, numerous complaints have been received from firemen concerning discrimination in other station houses.

Mr. McRae pointed out that the situation was not the same in all station houses.

"In some, firemen are treated fairly and without discrimination, in others the situation is just the opposite," he said.

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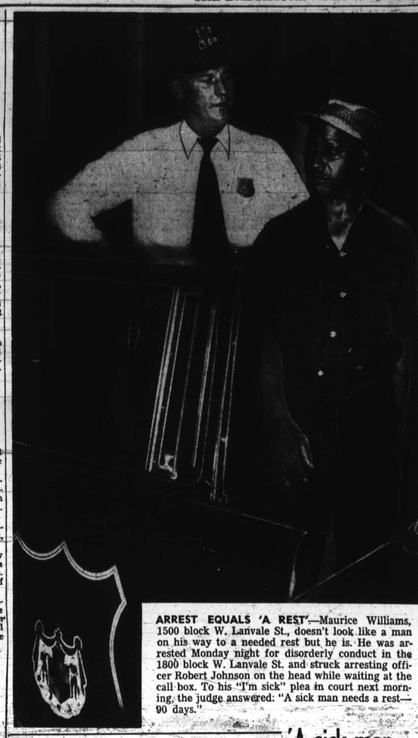
REFERRING TO the continuous duty assigned Pettit, Mr. McRae said:

"Six days of continuous duty with only an hour off twice a day is one of the most autocratic setups I have heard of outside the army.

"Upon completion of the Pettit investigation, administrative and legal steps will be taken to completely eliminate unequal treatment in other stations," he said.



ARREST EQUALS 'A REST'—Maurice Williams, 1500 block W. Lanvale St., doesn't look like a man on his way to a needed rest but he is. He was arrested Monday night for disorderly conduct in the 1800 block W. Lanvale St. and struck arresting officer Robert Johnson on the head while waiting at the call box. To his "I'm sick" plea in court next morning, the judge answered: "A sick man needs a rest—90 days."

All police vacancies to be filled

"Out goalls to have all vacancies filled by the end of 1956."

Police Commissioner James J. Hepburn made this statement this week, in his "semi-annual report on criminal offenses in Baltimore city.

This report, the first of its kind in the city to make no reference to race, shows a 20-per cent increase in crime for the six - month period of January - June 1956 as compared to the same era in 1955.

Analyzing the police strength in Baltimore, Commissioner Hepbron said that as of July 1, 2,201 patrolmen have been authorized but only 2,062 (121 of whom are in the Police Academy) are on duty.

The commissioner said that the 121 rookie police "are utilized in selective enforcement groups in the various districts where our daily reports indicate an increase in crime."

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ACCORDING TO the report, Northwestern and Northeastern district lead in robbery, larceny and burglary cases while Central District has the most forgery and bogus checks cases.

The greatest crime increase (35.7 per cent) throughout the city was noted in manslaughter cases which have jumped from 56 (in 1955) to 31 this year.

The decided decrease was shown in embezzlement cases which have dropped 58.3 per cent. In 1955 there were 12 cases as compared to the five this year.

The greatest number of crimes in Baltimore were those of larceny with a total of 5,898, stolen automobiles, second with 3-720 and burglary cases, third, with 2,477.

MIDNIGHT COLLISION between this cab and an auto at Laurens and McCulloh Sts., Wednesday sent five persons to Provident Hospital, including the cab driver, Willie James. See story on this page of how Mr. James had to wait while police made out their report before he was taken to the hospital.

5 hurt when cab, car crash

"It was a loud crash when they came together, the cab was going east on Laurens St. and the Olds was going north on McCulloh . . ."

Horace Clark, 1721 McCulloh St., one of approximately 100 persons interested in the scene, was telling of a midnight accident Wednesday in which five persons were hurt.

A Belle Isle Cab operated by Willie G. James, 1235 Argyle Ave., was in collision with a '56 Olds operated by Gilbert Garrett, 800 block W. Lanvale St.

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THE CAB ended up on the pavement on the far side of McCulloh St. in front of 416 Laurens St., the home of Alfred Smith.

Mr. Smith told an AFRO reporter on the scene: "The crash splattered this glass all over the place. They helped a lady passenger in the cab out and took her to the hospital."

The passenger is the cab Miss Pearl Lewis, 26, 2428 Callow Ave., was taken to Provident Hospital where she was admitted for X-rays to determine the extent of her injuries.

The force of the crash wedged her in the front seat of the cab. Bystanders extricated her.

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OTHERS IN the cab located at the hospital were:

Miss Beverly Baines, 20, 628 Baker St., bruises of the elbow, and elbow and cuts of the forearm.

Paulette Moore, 7, 628 Baker St., bruises of the leg.

Miss Shirley Moore, 24, 624 Baker St., bruises of the elbow.

Both the cab and car were badly damaged.

Although Mr. James, the cab driver, sustained chest and head injuries, he was not taken to the hospital until after officers investigating the accident completed their report, a good 15 minutes after the crash.

Nurse's aide dies in N.Y. accident

"It was an accident. She was trying to cross the Sunrise Highway in Bay Shore, N. Y., on Sunday night."

Mrs. Ada Frazier, 1406 N. Bond St., was telling of the sudden death of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Alfreida Frazier Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas, 23, was a nurse's aide at the Pilgrim State Mental Hospital in Brentwood, L. I., where she had been employed for the past two years.

Her sister, Miss Jean Frazier, also a nurse's aide at the same hospital, said she had returned here to their home in Baltimore the day before the accident to spend a vacation with their mother.

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THE SISTER explained: "We were employed at the same hospital as nurse's aides. I saw her all day Friday. Then I left early Saturday to come here on my vacation with my mother.

"I understand the accident happened sometime after 12 and before 3 a.m.

"My father, Robert Frazier, who lives in New York, called here to tell us about it. I think she was trying to cross the highway when it happened.

"Bay Shore and Brentwood are little towns. She was probably coming back from Bay Shore and had gotten off the bus on her way back to the hospital. I gather she was hit by a car. Yes, she was dead on arrival at the hospital."

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RELATIVES SAID that Mrs. Thomas was a native of Baltimore and was graduated from the Dunbar High School, class of 1952.

She was married to Clifton Thomas, airman first class stationed in Texas. They have a four-year-old son, Clifton Jr.

Besides her parents, sister, husband and son, Mrs. Thomas is survived by a brother, Donald Frazier, also of the N. Bond St., address.

Mrs. Thomas was a lifetime member of Faith Baptist Church where funeral services were held on Thursday. Burial was in National Cemetery. The Elliott Funeral Home was in charge.

Baby 'Sandy,' 3-story fall victim, switches hospitals

"Thank God, it looks like my baby's going to get well. She's eating well, the doctor said, and the eye that was swollen shut—he says that she might be able to open it—maybe today."

The mother of little Parsandra Dennis, who tumbled from a three-story back porch to a cement alley, was elated over the improvement in her daughter's condition.

Mrs. Mamie Dennis, 1108 Edmondson Ave., said the child was moved from Franklin Square Hospital, where she was rushed immediately after the accident, to Provident Hospital.

"Dr. R. L. Jackson has been our family doctor for years," she explained. "We wanted him to take over Sandy's case so we moved her to Provident as soon as she was able to be moved.

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"THEY TOOK X-rays as soon as she got to Provident. They found out that her right leg was broken and her left leg was fractured but there were no head injuries. I'm so grateful for that, that was my biggest worry.

"The doctor said she might be able to come home in four or five weeks. As much as we will miss her, though, we don't want to rush it—we want to be sure that she will be able to get along okay."

MRS. DENNIS, expecting another child in December, said:

"I've been so nervous and upset, I hope all this shock won't have any effect on the child I'm expecting."

Patricia (Pat) Dennis, Sandy's sister who will be three years old in October, misses her playmate, her mother said.

"She's always asking, 'When is Sandy coming home?' She keeps asking about her constantly.

"I believe that prayer has helped my baby more than anything else. Her father (Thomas Dennis) and I prayed and all her relatives and friends—and I know that other people in the community have prayed too."

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CONTACTED AT Provident Hospital, Dr. R. L. Jackson said:

"Yes, I've been the Dennis family doctor for several years. They told me that they wanted me to take care of her. I suppose that's why they moved her from Franklin Square."

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'A sick man needs a rest'

"I'm a sick man. I don't remember." That was the not guilty plea Maurice Williams, 27, 1500 block W. Lanvale St., made Tuesday at Northwestern Police Court.

He was charged with assault by striking Officer Robert Johnson and disorderly conduct in the 1800 block of W. Lanvale St. Officer Johnson testified:

"He was molesting children and adults. I placed him under arrest and while waiting at the call box, he struck me beside the head. I brought him to Northwest and he was unruly at the station."

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MRS. JOY BOND, 1800 block W. Lafayette Ave., said: "I was sitting on the steps with my little boy. I ignored the man. He continued to tell me about his crab cakes and the amount of money he had.

"He finally went down the street and started after her."

Mrs. Bond pointed to Mrs. Alice Jones, 1800 block W. Lafayette St. Mrs. Jones said that when she told him to go on he told her:

"'If you have anything to do with it, call Mrs. Katy Williams. (a local funeral director) I don't know what he meant,' Mrs. Jones told Magistrate Linwood Koger Sr.

"A sick man needs a rest," Magistrate Koger told the defendant and sentenced him to three months in the Md. House of Correction, on the assault charge. A $50 fine for disorderly conduct was suspended.

Bouncer who shot man gets 90 days

NINETY DAYS.— William J. Wallace, bouncer in a local tavern, leaves Northwestern Police Court Monday with his lawyer, Michael F. Freedman. He was sentenced to 90 days in Baltimore City Jail Tuesday an a charge of assault by shooting Purnell Bundick, 1300 block Calhoun St.

"A girl walked up the alley and said, "Purnell's got a gun." She next thing I know, I had a gun. Where it came from I couldn't tell you. He had a knife. I'm positive.

"She shoved me. I went over the wall. What happened after that I don't remember." William James Wallace, sometimes known as "Billy Hook," 1700 block N. McKean Ave. was speaking Tuesday in Northwestern Police Court.

Mr. Wallace, a Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co., employee, is a part time bouncer in a tavern at Fulton Ave. and Baker St.

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HE WAS CHARGED with assault by shooting Purnell Bundick and with possession of a dangerous and deadly weapon. According to Sgt. George Andrews:

Three spent .25 caliber cartridges were found at the scene (outside a tavern on the corner of Fulton Ave. and Baker Sts.) Wallace was sitting on a brick wall near the gutter. Zeigler.

"He and Bundick had an argument. Bundick pushed him off the wall. Wallace came up behind Bundick and shot him in the back of the head. Bundick ran down the alley. Wallace followed and shot him in the back. Bundick reached into the pocket of his coat and pulled out a knife. Wallace ran back and jumped over the wall