

Slain Officer 'Gave His All'

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Policeman J. D. Tippit came home for lunch Friday at about 11:30 a.m. He hurried through his dinner and reported for duty.

Little more than an hour later he was the gunshot victim of a killer on an Oak Cliff street.

"He was always a man who gave everything he had," said a fellow policeman, Patrolman Bill Anglin, who lived just four doors down the street from the Tippit at 238 Glencairn.

Anglin had worked with Tippit on several occasions and had grown close since the two families each bought their new homes in the Southwest Oak Cliff area about two years ago.

Several other policemen lived in the general area.

Anglin was called from his duty spot shortly after it was learned that Tippit had been the victim of the bizarre Oak Cliff killing. Anglin rushed to the Tippit home and found that Mrs. Tippit, the 33-year-old officer's wife had long known the news.

"She was taking it real well, as well as could be expected under the circumstances," Anglin said. "Allen, the eldest of the Tippit children (13) was taking it

plenty hard. He and his dad were very close."

Mrs. Tippit was placed under heavy sedation in the late evening after several relatives and friends had converged on the Tippit residence.

The Dallas Police Association sent representatives to the Tippit home to present the widow with a check for \$200.

The two other Tippit children, 10-year-old Brenda Kay and four-year-old Curtis Ray, didn't take the news of their daddy's death too hard, Anglin said. "They are still pretty young to realize what has happened," he said.

Anglin and Officer G. H. Harmon, another close friend of the slain policeman, told of the time Tippit was given a citation for bravery in 1956 when he helped disarm a man wanted for fleeing prosecution in another state.

Anglin said he had discussed the President's visit with Tippit about 10 a.m., when they last talked on the telephone. "That was pretty much on all our minds today (Friday)," he said.

Mrs. Tippit's parents and several brothers and sisters visited



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her and tried to comfort her through the early evening. Some stayed all night. They, naturally enough, did not want to meet the press.

"One thing," Anglin said, "he didn't die in vain. Had he not stopped that guy the whole City of Dallas might have been wide open by nightfall."

Tippit, 39, had been a member of the police force nearly 12 years. His salary was \$490 a month.

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