

The Police: Details of Individual Positions and Actions

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reach the wounded and dead and remove them to a lower floor.

Sgt. Marvin Ferrell — At 21st and Speedway directing officers to assignments.

Lt. Marion Lee—Assigned to private plane from Tim's Airport piloted by Jim Southwell. Flying at 1,200 feet circled tower. Using scope determined there was one person on the observation deck. Due to rough weather couldn't fire, unable to hold plane level enough to sight through a scope. Kept circling trying to keep sniper's attention away from ground forces, but staying out of range. Plane returned with two bullet holes.

Sgt. Royal Wilson — With Pat Brown went to roof top of Engineering Building at 26th and San Jacinto with rifle. Observed and fired on sniper in the tower.

Patrolman Phillip Conner — It was his day off. Conner joined other officers at UT security office who were led through tunnels to administration building and rode elevator to 27th floor. Assisted moving dead and wounded in the tower.

Patrolman Ramiro Martinez — Off duty. Ran sniper fire crossing campus to the main building. Martinez is the officer who gunned down Charles Whitman on the observation deck, ending the massacre.

Patrolman James Beck — With Sgt. Wilson and Officer Brown on Engineering Building at 26th San Jacinto, returning sniper's rifle fire.

Patrolman Jerry Day — Zig-zagged across campus to administration building. Got inside found DPS man W. A. Cowan at elevator. He gave a rifle to (civilian) Allen Crum. Took elevator to 26th floor and stairs to 27th. Had long wait on telephone connection with University traffic and security Chief Allen Hamilton trying to coordinate operations down stairs. Called for shotguns and called off street fire on the west side before taking the observation deck.

Det-Sgt. Tommy Olsen — Joined officers with scope mounted rifles on top floor B.A.E. building. Fired at drain holes on tower where sniper's gun would come into view.

Det-Sgt. Gene Freudenberg — At 12:05 p.m. answered call. Proceeded 23rd and Guadalupe where woman reported shot. Two shots hit near police car and Hylin-Manor ambulance. Took cover in alley. Got to undergraduate library and took M-1 carbine from a student and used it till the ammo was gone. Ran to tower. Met Officer Janetzke trying to get to top floor.

Patrolman Jim Gillis — Off duty. Got word and reported to station at 12:30 p.m. With other officers issued rifles and walkie-talkies, taken to dormitory northeast of tower and stationed atop the building where they exchanged shots with the sniper.

Det. Lt. Merle Wells — On regular day off heard radio news broadcast. Went to 23rd and Trinity after reporting in, observed and reported location of sniper with binoculars and directed fire power.

Det-Sgt. Ed Silvan—Using trees and buildings for cover made it to Computation Building east of Administration Building. Outside woman wounded could not be moved without a shield. Inside Mrs. Brenda Littlefield shot in left hip. She did not want to be moved from protection of building. Doctor and others attending. Called headquarters about armored vehicle to pick up wounded. Had trouble getting outside line for police calls. Going into partially opened tunnel to administration building when sniper was taken.

Patrolman Kenneth Fraser—In 4800 block of Guadalupe when he got the call. Went to northwest side of tower, took 24th Street into campus. Got to biology lab (on foot) and greenhouse where pinned down by firing along with two state highway patrolmen and a deputy sheriff.

Det.-Lt. Bill Sterzing — Leaving a doctor's office at 12:15 when heard call for am-

bulance and portable radios. Took them from headquarters to 21st and Speedway and assisted coordinating force and attack.

Det-Sgt. Carl Petri — Going home for lunch when heard 11:52 call shooting in the tower. Went home to get personal 30-30 rifle, field glasses, and shells and went to 20th and Speedway then to 21st and Wichita. Fired eight rounds.

Det-Sgt. Bill White — Headed for the university from headquarters and found hundreds of people headed for the campus. Directed traffic away from the danger area until traffic officers arrived. Moved to 28th and San Jacinto and again assisted keeping people back. Also reported sniper movements with borrowed binoculars.

Det.-Lt. Harvey Gann — About noon at 3800 North Interregional heard radio call for all units to the University. With other officers went to B.A.E. Building rooftop. Used Department of Public Safety man's spare rifle. Fired six or eight times.

Det-Sgt. Asa Rutledge — From 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. worked east side of tower at Speedway keeping people away.

Patrolman Elton Edwards — Assigned to control traffic as dead and injured brought into Brackenridge Hospital.

Sgt. Abner Schulle — Off duty. Heard news broadcasts at home. From station assigned to Engineering Building with Officers Douglas Woodall and James Baker (both also off duty) to help pin down sniper with return rifle fire.

Det.-Sgt. Jack Woody — From atop Business Administration Building fired three shots.

Det-Sgt. John Pope — 12 noon heard call for more units. Helped direct traffic away and get ambulances through 19th and Guadalupe. Relieved by Lt. Bill Purse, Sgt. Wilson and Pat Riley. Moved on up to 21st and Guadalupe to keep pedestrians and vehicles out of line of fire from tower.

Det.-Lt. L. L. Morgan—eating lunch at home when heard radio news broadcast. Directed traffic out of area and ambulances in getting to Business Administration Building. Went to top of building with highway patrolmen, helping them spot with binoculars. Decided not to fire from this position. Moving in toward tower when sniper was taken.

Major K. R. Herbert — Directing communications post.

Det-Sgt. Ed Tramp — Assigned begin investigation shooting victims at Brackenridge Hospital.

Det-Sgt. Bolton Gregory — Home for lunch. Wife called 12:30 she had heard radio broadcasts. Met Lloyd Ligon with a rifle at corner of 25th and Guadalupe. With Ligon spotting moved to 24th and Whitis. Fired 13 rounds.

Patrolman Albert Hersom — Assisted at 19th and Guadalupe turning traffic away from UT. An unidentified man gave him a bullet proof vest. He was gone when he later tried to return it.

Patrolman Bob Day — Was patrolling East 8th near Sabine when he got the call. From Benedict Building, worked toward tower with shotgun. At doorway to Batts Auditorium two shots hit near him. People hiding behind trees and buildings all around. Ran through fire from tower zig zag across south mall. Two shots. Was told he was first policeman in building. On third floor woman told him could get shot at sniper from window. Room 316, third floor of eighth stack. Tore screen off and rolled out. Could see sniper shooting from south platform under clock. Began shooting his pistol. Ran out of ammo and student told him had police department on telephone. Lt. Barnett said stay where he was and they would try and get a rifle to him. Had four rounds left for his shotgun. Met man with a rifle, got back in position and the sniper had moved. Headed back toward stairs and the top.

Det-Sgt. Douglas Eastman — coming into station heard request for ambulances just after 11:50 a.m. Drew three 35 mm Remington rifles and box of ammunition. With Sgt. Gerald Spohnholtz to Geology Building, then moved to research building west of San Jacinto on 23rd. Detective Ace Guentzel also took a rifle to Chemical Building with Sgt. Renck. Eastman was at west door second floor. Couldn't get to roof. Firing at rain spouts on tower. Reserved some ammo because Sgt. Spohnholtz was in an exposed position and needed cover.

Patrolman Ernest Beck — Assigned to work traffic on West 19th, and then was moved to Duval and San Jacinto, turning people back.

Patrolman Bobby Simpson — was a further report of man sniping from the tower. Drew 35 Remington and box of shells. Took position University Observatory. Fired approximately 10 rounds.

Patrolman Roger Napier — Off duty. Reached 24th and San Jacinto 12:45 p.m. With Lt. Pete Weaver, Officer Con Kiersey (also off duty) proceeded toward tower looking for wounded needing assistance. Was stopped by woman who stated another woman shot and trapped near IBM building. Both tried but couldn't locate. Went to top floor of building, first east and little south of tower, and assisted with civilian firing at tower.

Patrolman W. J. Taylor — Off

duty. Arrived 24th and San Jacinto 12:45 p.m. Worked up to east side of tower shortly before sniper was taken.

Patrolman Nolan Meinardus — Off duty. En route station stopped for ammo for 270 deer rifle. Went to 6th floor of building under construction east of tower where someone had a telescope. Whitman was shooting off south side. He moved to east side and was seen through the portholes of the tower. Fired one shot. According to Meinardus' view and man with telescope the bullet went through porthole. After that shot, Whitman did not come back to east side.

Patrolman Con Keirsey — Off duty. Arrived station 12:35 p.m. With Meinardus to build-

ing under construction where fired on tower.

Patrolman Don Martin — 12:05 p.m. call to campus. Was instructed to keep everyone off the streets and keep people inside buildings.

Sgt. Henry Vorwerk — En route home to lunch heard 12:05 p.m. report five shot. Attempting to get near main building was shot at twice with bullets hitting the ground and above his head. Returned east side of Business Administration building and assisted keeping people out of line of fire.

Det-Sgt. Vardry McBee — In theft detail when heard 11:55 a.m. report of shooting at tower. Stopped all traffic entering campus at east 21st and

Speedway and going west on 21st. Heard shots. Woman came up and said girl shot at B.E.B. Assisted getting her from that location

Det-Sgt. Frank Monk — At 24th and San Jacinto assisted UT security personnel keeping bystanders under cover and

getting armored cars and ambulances through.

Det-Sgt. Fred Estepp — Heard news broadcast at lunch. With Detective Jack Woody took personal rifles to 21st and Speedway. Assigned top floor Business Administration Building.

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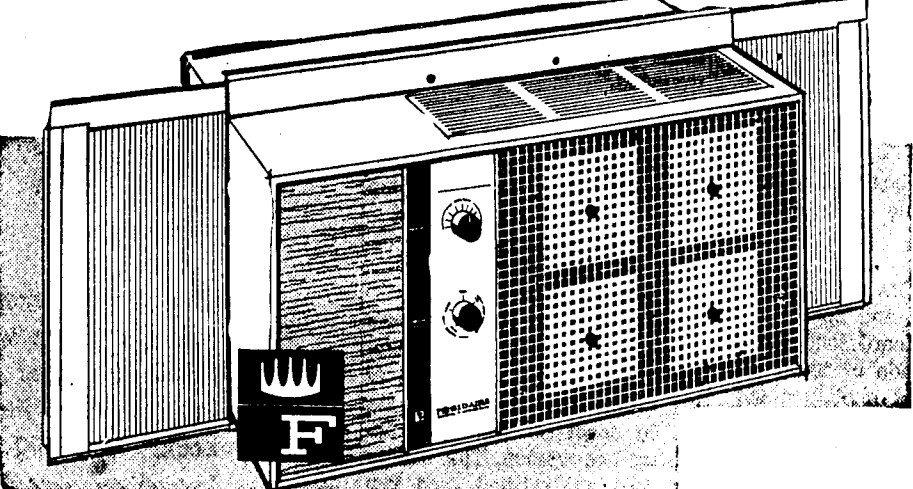
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