

Captain Phillippe Bazinet

1900 -
12-24-1909



Captain Phillippe Bazinet,
Was born in Tabaskaville,
Canada in 1867.
He joined the Lewiston Fire
Department in 1900 and
had been a captain on
Hose Company #4. He died
In The Line of Duty,
at the age of 42
on December 24th, 1909,
when a wall collapsed at the
Callahan Block fire at 274 Lisbon St.

Thomas King

1909 -
12-24-1909



Thomas King,
Had been a
substitute firefighter
for only a few weeks
when he died
In the Line of Duty
at the age of 26,
when a wall collapsed at the
Callahan Block Fire at 224 Lisbon St

Private John B. Byrnes

1904 -
2-15-1910



Private John B. Byrnes
Was born in County Kerry,
Ireland in 1872.
He joined the Lewiston Fire
Department in 1904 and became
a clerk of Hose Company #1.
He died In The Line of Duty
at the age of 38
on February 15, 1910 from
injuries suffered on
February 8, 1910 when he was
thrown from a ladder into the
street during a building collapse
at Main and Middle Street

Private Marcien A. Vallee

6-13-1947

7-7-1949



Private Marcien A. Vallee,
Was born in Lewiston, Maine
on December 11th, 1922.
He joined the Lewiston Fire
Department on June 6th, 1947.
He died In The Line of Duty
on July 7th, 1949,
at the age of 26 when
Lewiston and Auburn
fire trucks collided at
Court and Main Streets
in Auburn as both departments
responded to a fire alarm.

Captain Russell H. Tarr

12-1-1933
7-7-12-1949



Captain Russell H. Tarr,
Was born in Lewiston, Maine
on September 1st 1901.
He joined the Lewiston
Fire Department on
December 12th, 1933.
He died In The Line of Duty
on July 12th, 1949
at the age of 48
from injuries suffered on
July 7th, 1949 when
Lewiston and Auburn
fire trucks collided at
Court and Main Streets
in Auburn as both departments

Captain Willie R. Mailhot

3-1-1937

5-2-1965



Captain Willie R. Mailhot,
Was born in Lewiston,
Maine on August 16th 1904.
He joined The Lewiston
Fire Department
March, 1st, 1937.
He died In The Line of Duty
on May 2nd, 1965
at the age of 60
when he was run over by a
fire truck while responding to
a fire on Lowell Street.

Private Paul A. Nadeau

5-6-1946
4-30-1966



Private Paul A. Nadeau,
Was born in Lewiston, Maine
on November 11th, 1913.
He joined the Lewiston
Fire Department May 6th, 1946.
He died In The Line of Duty
on April 30th, 1966
at the age of 52
at the Lincoln Street Sub-station
suffering from a heart attack
after battling a fire
at the Exchange Hotel
On Chapel Street

Lieutenant Emilien L. Couture

5-20-1956

5-9-1967



Lieutenant Emilien L. Couture
Was born in Lewiston, Maine
on May 30th, 1926.
He joined the Lewiston
Fire Department May 20th, 1956.
He died In The Line Duty
May 9th, 1967
at the age of 40
suffering from a heart attack
while fighting a fire
at 90 Biron Avenue.

Private Gerard R. Desjardins

9-2-1969

9-8-1982



Private Gerard R. Desjardins
Was born in Lewiston, Maine
on April 12th, 1947.
He joined the Lewiston Fire
Department September 2nd, 1969.
He died In The Line of Duty
September 8th, 1982
at the age of 35
when he was run over by a fire truck
while responding to a fire alarm
at 66 Knox Street

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Wednesday, February 21st, 1910

Fireman Byrnes Dead

Man Injured by the Collapse of Building Passes Away in Hospital

The death of John J. Brynes which occurred at midnight Tuesday makes the third Lewiston fireman who has lost his life thru service within a couple of months. Mr. Byrnes as is well known, was thrown from a ladder when the building at the corner of Main and Middle Streets collapsed just a week ago. Two other firemen were also injured but not seriously. Mr. Byrnes was taken to the Central Maine Hospital. His condition was alarming from the first but physicians had hoped that internal injuries might not prove as critical as feared. No stone was left unturned to help the patient, nurses and doctors doing everything in their power to save the life.

However, the report came Tuesday afternoon that the fireman was dying and there was no hope of recovery. He remained conscious almost to the end, which came peacefully around midnight. It was a comfort to his family that he had been able to recognize and talk with them. Only the day before his death, his wife told him that it was Francis, their oldest son's thirteenth birthday. "That used to be a happy day for me," he said "But not now."

Mr. Byrnes was the son of Timothy and Ellen Byrnes and was born thirty eight years ago in Kerry County, Ireland. In 1889, when he was a lad, he came to Lewiston, where his home had been since that time. He went through grammar school and then was employed in the Lewiston Bleachery. Later he learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked until the time of his accident.

For four years Mr. Byrnes has served as janitor of the Frye grammar school and the teaches and pupils were all his friends. "It seemed as if he belonged to us" said one of the teachers. "He was always kind and thoughtful and helpful." During this week of his illness, his school friends have awaited word from him each day with keen interest and anxiety and the beautiful flowers which they sent were a great comfort to him.

Mr. Brynes was a devout Catholic and a faithful member of St. Patrick's church. He was member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the Firemen's Relief Association. For six years he served in the Lewiston Fire department and tho he had never suffered the slightest accident until last week, he has always been fearless in time of fire, never hesitating to risk his own life for the safety of others

Mr. Byrnes was well known and had many friends and they all say "Everybody who knew him, liked him." His chief interest centered in his home, where he was devoted to his wife and children. His death to them, to his aged parents and to his brothers and sisters comes as a sad shock and to them the sincere sympathy of the entire city—for it was in brave service for the city that the life was lost—is extended

Besides his father and mother ,who live on Blake Street, Mr. Byrnes leaves a widow and four children; Francis aged 13; John 10; and Mary Theresa and Beatrice, twins who are seven years old. He also leaves seven sisters, Mrs. John Mary O'Connor of California, Mrs. John Murray of Roxbury, Mass, Miss Margaret Byrnes of New York, Miss Ellen Byrnes of Lewiston and Mrs. Ralph D. Converse of New York; to brothers Patrick Byrnes who is janitor at St. Patrick's church and Joseph Byrnes of New York. Mr. Byrnes death makes the first break in the family of eleven.

It is expected that all of the brothers and sisters, with the exception of the one in California, will come to Lewiston to attend the funeral.

