

On This Date **February 12, 1934**

On February 12, 1934, former major league catcher **Rowdy Elliott** dies after falling out of a window of a San Francisco apartment building. The cause of the fall and the circumstances surrounding it remain a mystery.

The Professional Baseball Benefit Association (PBBA) refuses to help defray some of the cost of the funeral saying that the 43-year-old Elliott "was not up to date" in paying his membership dues.

Elliott has a brief heyday in the majors, with the Boston Doves (1910), Chicago Cubs (1916-1918) and the Brooklyn Robins (1920). In his five-year major league career, he appears in 157 games, with one home run, 44 RBIs and a .241 career batting average.

His lone major league home run is of the inside the park variety, coming against St. Louis Cardinals' rookie right-hander Jesse Haines on August 3, 1920.

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, Elliott breaks into professional baseball as a 16-year-old in 1907, with the Eastern Illinois League's Charleston Broom Corn Cutters. In 1910, he debuts in the major leagues playing three games with the Boston Doves.

He joins the Oakland Oaks in 1915 and serves as team manager until 1916, when he returned to the majors as a catcher for the Chicago Cubs for three seasons. In 1918, he volunteers for military service during World War One. Following a one-year stint with the Navy, he earns his discharge.

