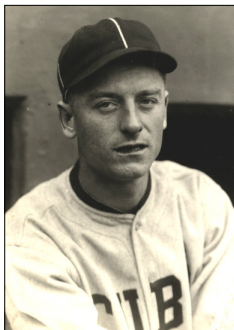


On February 12, 1934, former major league catcher Harold "Rowdy" Elliott dies from injuries received in a fall from an apartment house window in San Francisco.

Elliott is picked up by police in a vacant lot on Eddy Street and is treated for bruises at Central Emergency Hospital. He is later moved to the city prison, but when his condition takes a turn for the worse he is taken to the Harbor Hospital where he passes away at the age of 43.



Rowdy Elliott Dies After Apartment House Fall

OAKLAND, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Injuries received in a fall caused the death last night of Harold E. (Rowdy) Elliott, former major league and Pacific Coast league catcher.

Elliott fell into a light well in an apartment house here, police records showed. After treatment he was discharged and taken to city prison, but complications developed later. He died in an emergency hospital.

The peppery catcher came here from the Southern league about 20 years ago and for a time managed the Oakland team in the Pacific Coast league. Later he played with the Chicago Cubs and the Brooklyn team. He was 54.

Elliott dies in poverty and efforts to locate relatives proves to be unsuccessful. His body lies unclaimed in the city morgue for three days before friends have it removed to a mortuary and began the process of collecting funds to pay for his funeral. A week following his death, Elliott, a Navy veteran with an honorable discharge in 1918, is buried in San Francisco's National Cemetery in the Presidio with services conducted by Father Edward J. Whelan.

Born July 8, 1890, in Kokomo, Indiana, Elliott began his professional baseball career as a 17-year-old in 1908, hitting .256 in 97 games for the Kewanee Boilermakers of the Central (D) Association. In 16 minor league seasons, he fashions a .275 batting average over 1,519 games.

Elliott makes his major league debut with the National League's Boston Doves on September 24, 1910. In parts of four major league seasons with the Doves, Chicago Cubs and Brooklyn Robins, he hits .241 with one home run and 44 RBIs. Elliott's lone career home run is against St. Louis' Jesse Haines in a 10-4 Brooklyn win on August 3, 1920.