

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

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"D"	DIVISION FILE No.	
DIVISION Manitoba	SUB-DIVISION Winnipeg.	DETACHMENT Stonewall.
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RE: C. E. WHITEHEAD. 288 Berry St., Winnipeg, Man.
E. A. McCLAIN. Suite. 9. Birkenhead Apta., Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Man.
AEROPLANE ACCIDENT. R. M. Rosser, Manitoba.

HEADQUARTERS	29-4-46.
SUB-DIVISION	1. At approximately 3.45 P.M. this date, whilst in the Balmoral district on other police matters, I was notified by VY8T that there had been an aeroplane crash between Rosser and Stony Mountain, consequently I proceeded per P.C. 8412 to the Lillyfield School district, and on Sec. 14-12-2E, 2 miles east of the school, I located the crashed aircraft.
DETACHMENT	2. I was met by Sergt. Supene and Cst. Thomas of Winnipeg Detachment, who had proceeded to the scene of the crash, and who informed me that an ambulance had been called for already, and that the two occupants of the plane were lying in a truck at the scene of the accident, these two men, C. E. WHITEHEAD and E. A. McCLAIN both of Winnipeg, appeared to be in a serious condition, and beyond obtaining their names, no effort was made to question them.
P.C.R.	3. I examined the crashed aircraft, and found same to be a Tiger Moth, identification C.F.D - G.L. owned by the Aircraft Services (Western) Ltd., Winnipeg, it was lying in the middle of a plowed field, there were two marks of the wheels having touched the ground 24 feet from where the plane had nosed into the ground, at this point there was a considerable hole in the ground and parts of the propeller in evidence, from the point the plane apparently bounced and came to rest another 30 feet further on, both wings were folded up over the dual cockpit, which was in a tangled condition, although the engine itself did not appear to be badly damaged.
A. R. V. No.	4. Shortly after my arrival, the ambulance arrived, and took the injured men to the Winnipeg General Hospital, further Mr. H. J. Taylor and Mr. C. R. Ruse of Aircraft services Ltd., arrived by plane, together with Mr. T. N. Shields, District Inspt., Dept. of Transport (Air Regulations.), who proceeded to examine the plane for possible evidence as to the cause of the crash, these men later made arrangements with a local farmer, Jos Gamby, to look after the plane until such times as they could move it.
	5. I further contacted VY8T and requested a Police Photographer be sent, and shortly Cst. Vachon from "D" Div. H.Q., arrived and obtained photographs of the crashed plane from all angles.
DIARY DATE	I then obtained the names of witnesses, and from two brothers, Frank and Harry TENNERHOUSE, who were working together in a nearby field, obtained the following joint statement:-
SET FOR.....	"We were working on my tractor about 1/4 of a mile away, when I noticed a plane zoom over our head, it went up pretty high as I turned around, and then it came down in a half spin, straight nose down, it pulled out about 10 ft. from the ground and went up again to about 40 ft., and then it nosed straight