

Exhibit "A"

Officer Commanding,
No. 11 Cdn Provost Coy.
First Cdn Army.

Field.
5 Dec/44.

STATEMENT OF "AGOBBS L/Cpl. W.A. Jefferies, No. 11 Cdn Provost Coy.
(re Accident involving Mil Veh of 1st C.A.R. and a Tram)

At about 2145 hrs 4 Dec/44 I was returning to billets on the Antwerp-Turnhout H'way at MR 839038 where I saw that an accident had occurred. After despatching one of the passengers of W. D. Veh. No. CM-4243588 belonging to the 10th Cdn. Arm'd. Regt. to the 29th Fld. Hosp. American Army, I proceeded to question the motorman of the tram and obtain statements from all parties.

The motorman, Mr. C. ZACHERS, 79 Clerie Steenway, Turnhout, gave the attached statement (No. 1). He was in charge of tram No. 9688 on Route No. 41. He was then allowed to proceed.

I ascertained that the driver of the jeep was H26451 Sgt. HYSLOP, J., 10 Cdn. Arm'd. Regt., On questioning he gave a statement, (No. 2). At the time of the accident Sgt. Hyslop had been drinking.

Cpl. Hennessey, W. J., No. 11 Coy., Cdn. Provost Corps arrived at the scene of the accident and immediately left to obtain the assistance of a wrecker. Before leaving, he saw that Sgt. Hyslop and one of the other passengers, H26668, Tpr. GARNEAU, J. had been drinking.

On Cpl. Hennessey's return with the wrecker I searched the jeep in his company and found one bottle of gin, one bottle of Cognac, and a broken bottle of Cognac.

Sgt. Hyslop and Tpr. Garneau were then taken to the sect. billets and Cpl. Hennessey and I proceeded to the 29th American Fld. Hosp. where I questioned the M. O. who had examined the injured passenger whom I now know to be H26318, Sgt. SKINOTON, J. O. H., 10th Cdn. Arm'd. Regt. Capt. LOBANGRAGG, Jr., No. 6478473, American Army, stated that Sgt. Skinton had been unconscious for two (2) hours but was responding. He was suffering from contusion to the right side of the face and temple and brain concussion.

A Nursing Sister, also a passenger in the jeep, whom I now know to be Lieut. CANTIN, M. R., 10th Cdn. Gen. Hosp. had gone with Sgt. Skinton to the hospital. I obtained a statement from her, (No. 4)

Cpl. Hennessey and I then escorted Lieut. Cantin to her billets and returned to Sect. H. Q. at about. 01.30 hrs., 5th Dec. 44.

All the occupants of the jeep had been drinking. It is my opinion that Sgt. Hyslop, mistaking the tram headlight for that of a vehicle on the highway, swerved to the right in an effort to avoid a collision.

Damage to the jeep was the front right wheel knocked off, the bolts being torn out of the wheel, bumper bent back, right fender completely flattened and body of the vehicle buckled with the windshield smashed.

At the time of the accident, and later, I was unable to obtain a statement from Tpr. Garneau as he had been drinking.

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