

DIVISION FILE
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E. A. McCLAIN. Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Man.
AEROPLANE ACCIDENT. R. M. ROSSER, Man.

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AND THEN IT NOSED STRAIGHT in, we ran right over, and one of the men was lying quite clear of the plane, the other one was in the front cockpit, we picked up the one that was thrown clear and we carried him about 50 ft., then we pulled the other fellow out of the cockpit and a truck (Mr. Gamby's) came up and we loaded them both in the truck and drove about 300 yds away and we stopped there and waited for the ambulance. Gamby had phoned from his home at the time of the crash, which was about 3.30.p.m. I did talk to both men a little but they didn't seem to know what happened.

Signed. Frank Tennerhouse.
H. Tennerhouse.

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6. I then interviewed Mr. J. Gamby, and from him obtained the following signed statement:-

**** I was outside my house at about 3.30.p.m. when I noticed a plane circling around, and I saw the plane come down in a circling turn to near the ground, and then it went straight up again and then it nosed down into the ground, I would say that it was 40 to 50 feet in the air when it crashed, I ran to the yard and told my wife to phone, then I got my truck and drove out, when I got to the plane one man was lying in the field, and the other was still in the plane and the two Tennerhouse boys were pulling the second one out. I helped put them in the truck, and drove over to the corner of the field. I was talking to them both but they seemed badly hurt.

Signed. Joe Gamby.

7. As the condition of the two occupants of the plane could not be ascertained immediately, I returned to detachment.

30-4-46.

8. It was ascertained from the Hospital through VY8T that the condition of the two men was fair, but that they had not passed a very good night.

1-5-46.

9. In the P.M. of this date, I patrolled per P.C. 8412 to Winnipeg to Deer Lodge Hospital, whence the two men had been moved from the General Hospital. With the permission of the medical authorities in attendance, I interviewed E. A. McCLAIN, and from him obtained the following signed statement:-

**** I am 28 years of age, on Monday Apr. 29th., I was at home all the time in the morning, I remember having dinner at home with my mother and with my son, I had not been drinking that morning at all, yet I can't remember what happened after lunch. I don't remember going to the field or anything about it, I didn't know anything about it until I found they were taking X-Ray pictures in the hospital, and then they told me what had happened. I don't even remember meeting Whitehead after lunch. I was in the RCAF for 5 years and 8 months, the last 3 years as a pilot, I had no crack-ups over there, nor suffered any wounds. I was discharged from the Air Force on Dec. 14th. 1945.

Signed. E. A. McClain.

10. Owing to the peculiarity of this man's statement, I questioned him closely, but in no way did he change his story.