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NOTE

DAMAGE CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF CANADIAN
AND UNITED STATES FORCES SERVING TOGETHER IN NEWFOUNDLAND
AND ELSEWHERE

1. By letter, April 26, 1941, the Acting Deputy Minister of National Defence (Army), brought to the attention of the Department of External Affairs a point arising out of the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry. These related to an accident in which a Canadian Army vehicle used by Canadian Forces in Newfoundland was involved with a vehicle used by the United States Army present in Newfoundland.
2. Some damage was caused to the Canadian Army vehicle and proceedings at the Court indicated that the United States Army vehicle was entirely at fault.
3. This matter was brought to the attention of the Canadian Legation at Washington by a despatch raising the following points:-

The Canadian and United States forces are serving together in Newfoundland, and it was in the course of this service that the accident occurred. The Canadian Army vehicle, while parked by a curb on a street in St. John's, Newfoundland, was struck by a United States Army vehicle while the latter was making a turn. The accident has been investigated by a Court of Inquiry and it seems to be clear that the United