

DIVISION FILE
No.

RE C. E. WHITEHEAD. 288 Berry St., W'peg, Man. PAGE .3.
E. A. MCCLAIN. Hargrave St., Winnipeg, Man.
AEROPLANE ACCIDENT. R. M. ROSSER, Man.

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he can in no way explain the cause of this loss of memory, and seemed quite sincere and straight forward when questioned about it.

11. I interviewed the Sister in charge of his case, and she stated that he had been like this all the time he had been in hospital, he knew nothing until he seemed to come to on the ex-ray table, she stated further that he was suffering from a fractured left forearm, fractured right clavicula, fractured right ankle, possible fracture to the spine, and concussion, but that he was considered out of danger.

12. I then interviewed C. E. WHITEHEAD, in the presence of a Special Nurse in charge of his case, and from him obtained the following signed statement:-

"I work in Johanneson's Hangar on Stevenson Field, and Monday afternoon about 3.00 p.m., McClain whom I know quite well, came over to me and asked if I'd like to go for a flight, I decided I would and made arrangements with Aircraft Services, I taxied out and took off, climbing to 2800 ft. about 7 or 8 miles north of the field, then I turned the controls over to Art McClain and for a few moments he tossed the machine around, then without any understanding the machine went into a direct nosedive, I found myself off the seat and up against the straps, I called to McClain but received no reply, I then realized we were going to crash, I grabbed the stick and pulled back, the machine lifted itself about 20 ft. from the ground; I don't know what happened to McClain that he didn't answer me. But must have stalled and cartwheeled into the ground. I don't know what happened to McClain that he didn't answer me. I was in the RCAF for 6 years and 3 months, and was flying for 2 years with No. 6 Group, I had'nt crashed up overseas, nor was I wounded. I had worked all morning, and had'nt had a drink at all, I seldom ever drink.

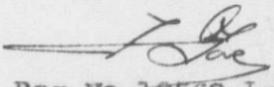
Signed. C. Whitehead.

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13. The result of this Man's Ex-ray had at this time not been fully determined, but according to the Special nurse, he was suffering from concussion, bruises and abrasions, shock and possible fracture of the lower spine.

14. At the present both men appear to be out of danger, however this file will remain open until such times as this is firmly established.

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