

for supper, which we did. After supper our  
group of six persons dealt with a bottle of  
Cognac, but I myself, again, only had one  
drink, as I knew I would have to do the  
driving. The Cognac was of poor quality  
anyway. When I told the gathering that I  
was going to drive in to Antwerp, Nurse Cantin  
asked if she might come along because  
she had never been there. I consented.

On the way to Antwerp I was travelling at an  
average speed of 30 m.p.h. My lights were very  
dim. I saw a very brilliant light approaching on  
the right hand side of the road. I slowed down  
as it was almost impossible to see. As the light  
approached to a distance of some 10 yds. I was  
completely blinded. I applied the brakes to stop  
until it passed. As I applied them the jeep  
swerved to wards the tram and collided with  
same.

Sgt. Skinton was unconscious. No one  
else was thought hurt, but later it was found  
Sgt. Gaineau had been hit on the head, and  
he appeared somewhat dazed. I asked him if he  
was alright, to which he answered "yes".

The Provost arrived and obtained statements  
an ambulance to take Sgt. Skinton to the  
hospital. They then took statements from all  
concerned. Nurse Cantin accompanied Sgt.  
Skinton to the hospital. They took Sgt. Gaineau  
and myself to billets for the night. They informed  
me the jeep had been taken to 1005 Cdn. Recdng Unit.  
They also informed me there was no cause to  
worry about Sgt. Skinton. That day the  
Provost brought Sgt. Gaineau and myself back  
to our unit.

Yours truly,  
G. W. R. Skinton