

HQ COMPANY - THIRD BATTALION
424th Infantry

31 May 1945

INFORMAL INVESTIGATION

Station: APO 443

Date: 31 May 1945

Persons injured: Gay, Ernest O., ASN 31150294, Cpl Company "L" 424th Infantry.

How incurred: At 1730, 29 May 1945, the above soldier leaned or swayed against the side of a 2½ Ton truck in which they were riding, while rounding a curve at Bretzenheim, Germany, causing the side boards to break thus throwing the men out of the truck into the road bed.

Investigation: Investigation of the circumstances surrounding these injuries has been made, available witnesses were interrogated. The following pertinent facts were found to be correct:

Present for duty
Was not under the influence of intoxicants
Was not under the influence of drugs
Was exercising reasonable care for his own safety
Was not due to gross carelessness or negligence
Was mentally sound
Was in line of duty

Remarks: This soldier was in the same group for which the former investigation was made. Injuries incurred while riding in a 2½ ton truck, the sides giving away at Bretzenheim, Germany at 1730, 29 May 1945. The above soldier reported no injuries at the time. However, the next day at the 3rd Bn Aid Station it was ascertained that he had a fractured wrist.

The statement of witnesses in the former investigation apply to this soldier.

Thomas M. Dunn
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Capt, 424th Inf
Investigating Officer.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD BATTALION
424th Infantry

2 June 1945

INFORMAL INVESTIGATION

Station: APO #443

Date: 2 June 1945

Persons Injured:

Rolleg, Harold E. 37006354, Pfc, Co L 424th Infantry.
Pavloff, Paul N. 38524751, Pvt, Co L, 424th Infantry.
Burbage, Cleveland 34849029, Pfc, Co L 424th Infantry.
Saenz, Angelo S. 39145485, Pfc, Co L, 424th Infantry.

The above EM were evacuated to the 136th Evacuation Hospital on 29 May 1945.

Gay, Ernest C. 31150294, Cpl, Co L, 424th Infantry was evacuated 30 May 1945.

How Incurred:

The above soldiers of a group of approximately forty soldiers of Company L, 424th Infantry, were returning to their billet area in Langenlonsheim, Germany at 1730, 29 May 1945 after completing their tour of guard duty. The men had secured the services of a 2½ ton (cab over engine) truck which was hauling supplies to PWTE A6 at Bretzenheim, Germany. This truck driven by Tec 5 King S. Reed 32107624 of 3559 Quartermaster Truck Company was returning to its organization at Singen, Germany and agreed to drop this platoon off in Langenlonsheim as he passed through. As this truck rounded the curve on Route #48 at the southern entrance of Bretzenheim, Germany, the soldiers swayed against the sideboards causing them to give way and allowing the soldiers to be thrown from the truck to the roadbed.

Investigation:

Investigation of the circumstances surrounding these injuries has been made; available witnesses were interrogated. The following pertinent facts were found to be correct:

Present for duty.
Was not under the influence of intoxicants.
Was not under the influence of drugs.
Was exercising reasonable care for his own safety.
Was not due to gross carelessness or negligence.
Was mentally sound.
Was in line of duty.

(Informal Investigation, Cont'd)

Remarks:

The truck in which these men were riding was not going at excessive speed for the curve. The sideboards gave way when some of the men changed positions in the truck plus the amount of sway caused by the truck rounding the curve.

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Investigating Officer.