

STATEMENT RELATING TO ACCIDENT

Statement of Richard W. Denaple Sheet No. one

Present address 11023 King Street, Van Nuys North Hollywood

Address through which you may always be reached same as above

Occupation Officer Employer North Hollywood Federal Saving's & Loan

Business address 3230 Lankershim Blvd.

Where did accident occur? near Palmdale Date August 16, 1948 Hour 7:30 <sup>AM</sup> <sub>PM</sub>

Where were you when accident occurred? Kiwanis Special

Names and addresses of other witnesses Mr. Carshaw, North Hollywood

Names and addresses of others who were nearby Harvey Catman, California Bank.

Did you witness accident? involved Give full account of your knowledge of accident I am

a member of the North Hollywood Kiwanis Club, and believe that Francis B. Foster, of Division #16 made arrangements for the Kiwanis Club Special enroute from Los Angeles to Palmdale, August 16th, 1948. I boarded the train at Burbank about 4:45 P.M., and none of the members had any assigned space on the train. After boarding the Train I circulated through the train seeing some of my friend's. My trip was uneventful until about 7:30 P.M., at which time the train I believe was nearing Palmdale, and at this time I was standing in the aisle of I believe the center car of this train. I was watching some of the fellow's playing cards, when suddenly someone dropped a piece of ice down my back. I then stooped over to let the ice drop out and as I did must have caught my right foot somehow on the cushion of first seat behind where I was standing, and so I lost my balance and fell forward striking my forehead on aisle. I blacked-out for a few moments and soon afterward's Dr. Burt Church attended me. I was taken off the train at Palmdale, I think, and was then taken by ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank where I was confined for four weeks for a fracture of the fifth and sixth cervical vertebrae, and since my release from the hospital have been wearing a Thomas collar. I was not pushed or shoved and believe my accident was due to my standing in aisle on one foot with the other foot caught somehow on seat just behind me. I did not examine seat afterward's. The motion of the train at the time of accident was normal. At the time of my accident everyone in the car was very orderly, and there was no rough stuff.

Have you read and do you understand the foregoing one-page statement and do you understand them to be true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief?

Dated November 13, 1948 19 1948 Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Witness L.M. Sayers Jr