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HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Office of the Division Provost Marshal  
(Kokura, Kyushu, Japan)

AFD 24  
27 Dec 1948

FILE

AG 000.5-2 (RM)

SUBJECT: Report of Criminal Activity

TO: Chief of Staff, 24th Infantry Division, APO 24

1. In compliance with your request the following information is submitted for the period from 1200 hours 18 December 1948 to 1200 hours 25 December 1948.

A. Breakdown of Violation by Organization

(1) Arresting Organization: 24th Military Police Platoon

a. Headquarters Company		
Unauthorized Parking	One	(1)
Curfew Violation	One	(1)
b. 724th Ordnance Company		
Disorderly Conduct	One	(1)
Curfew Violation	One	(1)
c. 24th Signal Company		
Unauthorized Parking	One	(1)
d. 24th Quartermaster Company		
Off Limits	One	(1)
ANOL	One	(1)
Curfew Violation	One	(1)
e. 24th Division School Center		
ANOL	Two	(2)
f. 3rd Engineers Combat Battalion		
Disorderly Conduct	One	(1)
g. 24th Medical Battalion		
Off Limits	One	(1)
h. 95th Veterans Food Detachment		
Off Limits	One	(1)
i. 61st Military Government Team		
Unauthorized Parking	One	(1)

AG 000.5-D (FM)

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j.	3rd T.M.R.S. Off Limits	Two	(2)
k.	5th Food Service Squadron Speeding	One	(1)
l.	Japanese Offenses Traffic Accident	One	(1)
(2)	Arresting Organization: "A" Btry 11th FA Battalion		
a.	24th Division Artillery AWOL	Two	(2)
	No Pass	One	(1)
	Off Limits	One	(1)
b.	315th Air Division Uniform Violation	One	(1)
	Curfew Violation	Two	(2)
	Disorderly Conduct	Five	(5)
	Traffic Violation	Four	(4)
	AWOL	Two	(2)
	Destruction of Japanese Property	Two	(2)
	Off Limits	Twenty-two	(22)
	Breaking Confinement	One	(1)
	Rckless Driving	One	(1)
c.	118th Station Hospital Off Limits	One	(1)
d.	5th Ordnance Uniform Violation	One	(1)
e.	Fukuoka Signal Center Illegal commandeering of Jap Vehicle	One	(1)
f.	4th Replacement Depot, Detachment #5 Off Limits	Four	(4)
g.	19th Infantry Regiment Off Limits	Two	(2)
h.	347th Transportation Heavy Construction Co Off Limits	Two	(2)
i.	Japanese Offenses Illegal Possession of GI Goods	Three	(3)

AG 000.5-D (VII)  
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(3) Arresting Organization: Co "A" 19th Infantry Regiment

- a. 19th Infantry Regiment
  - AWOL Two (2)
  - Off Limits Four (4)
  - Drunk and disorderly One (1)
  - Misappropriation of Govt Vehicle One (1)
- b. Co "D" 24th Medical Battalion
  - Off Limits One (1)
- c. Japanese Offenses  
 Negative

(4) Arresting Organization: Co "D" 21st Infantry Regiment

- a. 21st Infantry Regiment
  - Off Limits Four (4)
  - Assault on Japanese One (1)
- b. Japanese Offenses  
 Illegal possession of GI Goods Nine (9)

(5) Arresting Organization: Co "M" 34th Infantry Regiment

- a. 34th Infantry Regiment
  - Disrespect to MP One (1)
  - AWOL Three (3)
  - Disorderly Contact One (1)
- b. 24th Corps, APO 235  
 Misuse of Taxi jeep One (1)
- c. U.S. Army  
 Off Limits Four (4)
- d. Japanese Offenses  
 Negative

2. There was one (1) Traffic Accidents in the Camp Kokura Area. A Japanese national employed by Camp Kokura Motor Pool had been trying to fasten the cover of the vehicle cab, while driving, and lost control of the vehicle. He crashed into a light pole shearing it completely off. There were no injuries.

KENNETH J. PETERSON  
 Major GMP  
 Provost Marshal

21 December 1948

20 December 1948

1350 hours

Poor - slippery

Rainy

Jane Street car line, in front of School Center,  
APO 24, Kokura.

NAISUO KAWABATA, Kito-shimo-tamino, Kokura. Age 21.

CK - 62.

Camp Kokura Motor Pool

On 20 December 1948, at 1415 hours, I, (Cpl. Eugene Keller) was patrolling along Jane Street car line when I, (Cpl. Keller) saw a 2 1/2 ton vehicle, USAF 413007, CK-62, driven by NAISUO KAWABATA, Jap national employed by Camp Kokura Motor Pool, sitting off the road. Upon investigation, I, (Cpl. Keller) found that the driver, NAISUO KAWABATA had been trying to fasten the cover of the vehicle cab while driving when he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a light pole snapping it completely off and going on to knock over another pole and a section of fence. Damage to the vehicle was, - broken and bent windshield, bent bumper (left front side), and a bent fender (left front side). In my opinion this man was going at an excessive rate of speed as was indicated by the damage done to the light poles, fence, and vehicle.

End

Eugene C. Keller  
EUGENE C. KELLER Cpl.

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24th Div MP Flt. 190334.

Statement of KAWABATA Hatsuo, age 21. No. 615, Kita-shimo-Tomino,  
Kokura City.

On 20 December 1948, at approximately 1420 hours, while I was driving the truck (bumper markings, CK-62) and was near the School Center on my way back to the coal yard from the Kitagata BOQ, the canvas of the roof tore and the roof started to leak so I looked and raised my right hand up. Just then the truck went out of control and hit and knocked the telephone pole down and damaged the truck.

I was going about twenty five (25) miles per hour.

I have given the above statement freely and voluntarily to the best of my knowledge and belief on the date of 20 December 1948.

KAWABATA HATSUO  
(Thumb print)

I, Yutaka Motonaga, having knowledge of both English and Japanese languages, have translated the above statement to the best of my ability.

*Yutaka Motonaga*  
YUTAKA MOTONAGA

A Certified True Copy:

*James R. Cavanaugh*  
JAMES R. CAVANAUGH  
1st Lt. P.I.  
Ass't Provost Marshal

O. m. G.

17 December 1948

17 December 1948  
Dirt & gravel,  
road under construction.

0930 hours.

Good & clear.

Kitagata Shako-mae, Kokura, Kyushu, Japan

Elmer C. McKee

Pvt. 16260474

USA #4809362, 24-3E, A-15, Co "A" 3rd Eng Bn

KIKUCHI Hatsue, age 21, Address: Sone, Kaminuki

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Japanese national

At approximately 1000 hours, the Desk Sgt. dispatched me, Cpl. Doerter to investigate an accident on Jono car line near the Kokusai gate. Upon arriving, I ascertained that a 2 1/2 ton 6X6, USA #4809362, 24-3E, A-15, driven by Pvt. Elmer C. McKee had just been filled with rock and was ready to back up. A Japanese national MIZOI Semuemon, motioned Pvt. McKee to back up. Pvt. McKee backed up four feet and heard a girl scream. Pvt. McKee immediately stopped the truck. The victim, KIKUCHI Hatsue was laying ~~between~~ under the left rear duals. KIKUCHI Hatsue's head was laying between the dual wheels. The front inside dual was on her chest, her lower body and legs were on a 45 degree angle underneath the truck. The truck was jacked up and KIKUCHI's body was taken to doctor Ueda's office for autopsy.

Carey Allen

Pvt.

11176911

Co "A" 3rd Eng.

Mizoi Semuemon, age 53.

Kokura, Katano, Saburamaru, c/o

Takano Construction Co Off

*John F. Doerter*  
JOHN F. DOERTER

Cpl.

A - 47

24th Div MP P1t. 19222431.

Statement of MIZOI Sennen

Age 53  
C/o Takano Construction Co. Office,  
Saburamara, Katano, Keiura.

At approximately 0930 hours on 17 December 1948, at the place about 200 meters north from the Kitagata car barn we finished loading of sand and stones of the road construction into the Occupation truck. Then I rode on the truck in order to guide the truck to the unloading place. When the truck started to back woman labourers rose a noise. So I got off the truck and found a woman labourer lying under the middle wheel of the truck. I did not see the moment she got run over. When I did see her she had already been run over. At this time two G.I.s, the driver and the assistant driver were on the truck.

I, Mizoi Sennen, swear that the above statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and have given it freely and voluntarily without any threat or reward promised.

(Signed) MIZOI SENNEMON  
(Sealed)

I, Yoshiyuki Nagai, having knowledge of both English and Japanese languages have translated the above statement to the best of my ability.

*Yoshiyuki Nagai*  
YOSHIYUKI NAGAI

A Certified True Copy:

*James R. Cavanaugh*  
JAMES R. Cavanaugh  
1st Lt. P.h.  
Asst. Provost Marshal.



**DEATH'S CERTIFICATE**

Name: **KIKUCHI Matsuo**  
Age: **21**  
Present Address: **Kaminaki, Sano, Katsura City**

1. Injury: **The Dilatation of heart**

2. Cause of Accident: **On 17 December 1948, at approximately 0950 hours they said that the sufferer who was working on the road was run over by a truck in front of the Uchiyama Gumi which is located at Kitagata, Katsura City. No doctor was at the time of accident.**

3. **Well Built, well nourished, obesity.**  
**Ten (10) C.M. long cut (reached to knee) on the inner front knee.**  
**Fracture of No.4 and No.5 ribs, but found to have a little congestion, between her both breasts. She also has been found to have dilatation of heart.**

**It seemed to have bled from her mouth and nose but there was not any injury or fracture besides mentioned above.**

**At 0955 hours on 17th December 1948 I examined the sufferer. She was already dead at that time.**

**Doctor UEDA Jimmao (Dated UEDA)  
No.936, Oasa Kitagata, Katsura City.**

**I, Yutaka Motonaga, having knowledge of both English and Japanese languages have translated the above autopsy to the best of my ability.**

*Yutaka Motonaga*  
**YUTAKA MOTONAGA**

**A Certified True Copy:**

*Samuel J. Johnson*  
**SAMUEL J. JOHNSON**  
**Major** **USAF**  
**Provost Marshal**

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Office of the Division Provost Marshal  
(Kokura, Kyushu, Japan)

A. P. O. #24

Date 17 December 1948

STATEMENT OF CAREY, Allen E. Pvt. 11176911  
(Name) (Rank) (Serial No.)  
Company "A" 3rd Eng Combat Bn, APO 24, Kokura, Kyushu, Japan.  
(Organization) (Location)

I, Pvt. Allen E. Carey, prior to making the statement hereinafter following, have had read and explained to me the 24th Article of War by Sgt. Porter Knoble, who has identified himself to me as a member of the 24th Division Military Police. I understand that I cannot be compelled to incriminate myself or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate me, (or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate me, (or to answer any question not material to the issue when such answer might tend to degrade me.) with such understanding I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, under no threat or fear of punishment and without inducement or promise of immunity or reward.

On 17 December 1948 while sitting in Pvt. Elmer C. McKee's truck while he was working on the Kitagata road. When motored to back his truck up by the Japanese foreman, a Japanese female was on the left side of the truck and when he backed up and didn't see her, he hit her and it was too late. She was under the back wheels.

(OVER)

I have read this statement which consists of 1 pages. I have signed and numbered each page and initialed all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

*Allan F. Carry*

(Signature)

ALLAN F. CARRY

Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, this 17th day of December, 19 48.

(Day)

(Month)

(Year)

*James R. Carver*  
JAMES R. CARVER  
1st Lt. P.A.

(Summary Court)

WITNESSES:

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HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Office of the Division Provost Marshal  
(Kokura, Kyushu, Japan)

A. P. O. #24

Date 17 December 1948

STATEMENT OF McKEE, Elmer C. Pvt. 16260474  
(Name) (Rank) (Serial No.)  
Company "A" 3rd Eng Combat Bn, APO 24. Kokura, Kyushu, Japan.  
(Organization) (Location)

I, Pvt. Elmer C. McKee, prior to making the statement hereinafter following, have had read and explained to me the 24th Article of War by Sgt. Porter Knoble, who has identified himself to me as a member of the 24th Division Military Police. I understand that I cannot be compelled to incriminate myself or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate me, (or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate me, (or to answer any question not material to the issue when such answer might tend to degrade me.) With such understanding I make the following statement of my own free will and accord, under no threat or fear of punishment and without inducement or promise of immunity or reward.

I was driving a truck, 6x6, 24-3E, A-15 for the purpose of hauling away material where the road is under construction near Kitagata Shako-mae. At approximately 0930 hours, 17 December 1948, I had a load and was getting ready to leave with the truck. I had one of the Japanese foremen there, guide me back. At his signals, I backed up. I did not see the girl and when I first knew there was an accident was when a girl cried out and I stopped.

(OVER)

I have read this statement which consists of 1 pages. I have signed and numbered each page and initialed all corrections. This statement is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief and I have given it freely and voluntarily.

*Edna C. McKe*  
EDNA C. MCKE

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me, an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, this 17th day of December, 1948.  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

*Kenneth J. Peterson*

KENNETH J. PETERSON  
Major, C.S.P.

(Summary Court)

WITNESSES:

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HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Office of the Division Provost Marshal  
(Kokura, Kyushu, Japan)

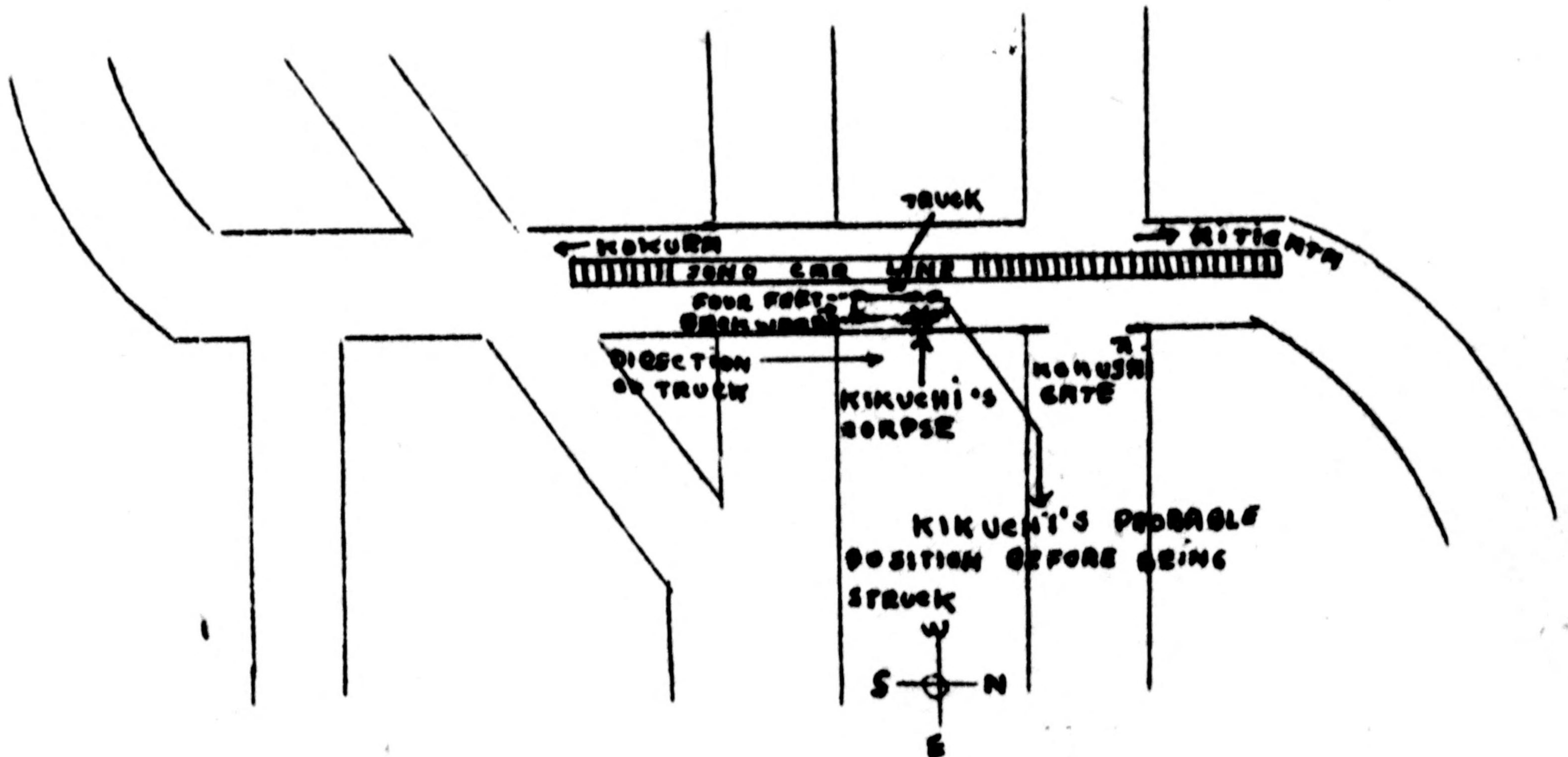
Case No. A - 47

A. P. O. # 24

Date: 17 December 1948

Time: 0930 hours.

Military Policeman's Diagram of Accident  
(To Be Attached To Report Of Accident)



Indicate points of compass

Remarks: Pvt. Elmer C. McKee, driving  
24-3E, A-15 had a load of rock in his  
truck and backed up under guidance of  
MIZOI Senuemon. The left rear duals  
passed over KIKUCHI Hatsue's chest and  
killed her instantly.

*John F. Doerter*  
JOHN F. DOERTER

Cpl. (Name) 19222431

(Rank) 24th Div MP Plt. (ASN)

(Organization)

(Signature of MP making diagram)

17. Was an investigation made by a policeman (civil or military)? Military If so, state Name John F. Doerter, Cpl. No. 15222431 Precinct or station 24th MP

18. Names and addresses of persons other than driver in Government car: CAREY, Allen - Pvt., 11176911. Co "A" 3rd Eng

19. Names and addresses of other witnesses: Name taken by. MIZOE Senenon

/s/ Elmer C. McKee  
/t/ ELMER C. MCKEE  
(Signature of driver)

I certify that the above report was delivered to me on: The 17 day of December, 19 48 at 1015 o'clock

/s/ Jerome B. Christine  
/t/ JEROME B. CHRISTINE  
(Signature of Officer in charge)

Motor Officer  
(Official title)

Co "A" 3rd Eng C Bn  
Government department or establishment

NOTE: This report should be attached to report of Investigating Officer.

Standard Form No. 26  
Approved by the President, June 10, 1927

DRIVER'S REPORT ACCIDENT  
Motor Transportation

In case of injury to person or damage to property:

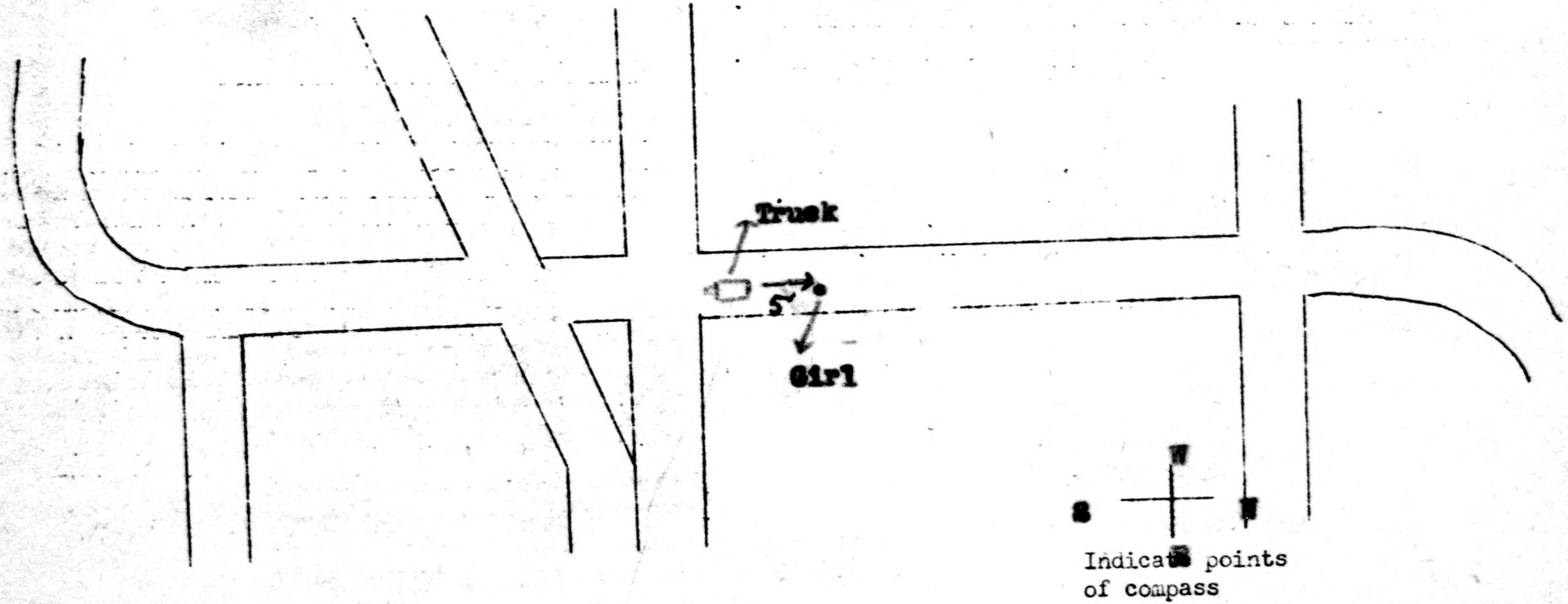
- A. Stop car and render such assistance as may be needed.
- B. Fill out this form, ON THE SPOT, so far as possible.
- C. Deliver this report promptly to your immediate superior.

Failure to observe these instructions will result in disciplinary action.

1. Name of Government driver: Elmer C. McKee
2. Stationed at 3rd Eng Combat Bn
3. Make and type of Government vehicle GMC, 2 1/2 ton.
4. Service number USA 4809362
5. Name and address of owner of other vehicle (or owner of property damaged) ---
6. Name and address of other vehicle ---
7. License of other vehicle: State No. ---
8. Place of accident: City Kokura City  
Street Jono car line, near Kokusai gate

9. Date of accident 17 Dec., 19 48, 0930 Hour A M
10. Names and addresses of persons injured; nature of injuries: KIKUCHI Hatsuo, age 21  
Sone, Kazumichi. Killed instantly
11. Describe damage to Government vehicle None
12. Describe damage to privately owned vehicle or other property None

13. What signal was given by each driver prior to accident There was a Japanese man behind that was guiding me
14. State condition of light, weather, and roadway: Dirt and gravel, road under repair.
15. Explain how accident happened I was backing up and the Jap man that was guiding and one of the other girls said stop.
16. Label streets and indicate measurements show the position of each vehicle at the time of the accident and show by dotted lines the course of each vehicle just before and just after the collision.





**HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Kokura, Kyushu, Japan**

**APO 24**

**AG 319.1 - D (FM)**

**SUBJECT: Report of Stolen and Recovered Vehicles**

**TO: Commanding General  
I Corps  
APO 301**

**In compliance with your request the following Weekly Report of Stolen and Recovered Vehicles is submitted for the period from 18 December 1948 to 25 December 1948:**

<b>Vehicles Stolen</b>	<b>None (0)</b>
<b>Vehicles Recovered</b>	<b>None (0)</b>

**FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:**

FMGT

HEADQUARTERS 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
Kokura, Kyushu, Japan

APO

24

AG 319.1 - D (FM)

SUBJECT: Report of Traffic Accidents

TO: Commanding General  
I Corps  
APO 301  
ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. In compliance with your request the following Weekly Report of Traffic Accidents is submitted for the period 1200 hours 18 December 1948 to 1200 hours 25 December 1948:

## Two (2) Traffic Accidents

Fatalities to Americans	None	(0)
Fatalities to Japanese	None	(0)
Americans Injured	None	(0)
Japanese Injured	Two	(2)

## Breakdown

a. 24th Infantry Division and attached units		
Headquarters Camp Kokura	One	(1)
b. Units not attached but in area under jurisdiction of 24th Infantry Division		
115th Station Hospital	One	(1)

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL: