

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

[The statement of witness should tell just what the witness saw personally, or, if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given him.]

While I was on my way to the second deck gangway I passed said man at ladderwell 1-106-2 port side forward of ship's dining area. The man had two suitcases, one on each hand and was in a hurry, I said hello and he did not answer but went down the ladder towards second deck Troop messhall, while on the rung his feet went out from under him, slipping on the wet ladder from Troop messhall. I immediately went up to the ship's hospital, 01-106-2 and called the ship's doctor and we both went down to the second deck to the man, as the doctor looked him over I was told to get the Navy medical corpsmen and a stretcher, I went to the ship's hospital day room and got five (5) men and they took the man to the ship's hospital.

I then notified the Master and went on duty. It is my belief that this accident was caused by the slippery ladder and ~~that~~ the fact that the man had two (2) suitcases, one on each hand.

Signed this 23rd day of MAY, 1968

C. M. Steele
C. M. STEELE, Quartermaster
(Signature of witness)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 19____

(Signature of witness)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICER OR PHYSICIAN WHO FIRST EXAMINED CASE

I CERTIFY that Robert N. WHEATLEY, 32475 Civ. Mar. Personnel was given first-aid treatment, or examined, on 22 May, 1968, at 1500 m., and was not disabled for work. Probable length of disability will be _____ In my opinion disability due to injury _____
(Name of employee) (Was or was not) (Was or was not)

Nature of injury as found on examination one (1) inch laceration above right eye

Hospitalized 22 May for observation Will return for further treatment 28 May
Discharged 23 May Other disposition _____
Remarks _____

Signed this 23 day of May, 1968
at USNS GEN JOHN POPE TAP 110

J. Dunst
J. DUNST LT MC USNR
(Signature of medical officer)

(Title)