GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

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Jewish Settlement Police
Nazareth District.
G. 80/1621

SUBJECT.

COURT OF INQUIRY -

On the circumstances under which Rifle S.M.L.E. No.Q 3786 and 50 rounds of .303 ammunition were confiscated by the French Authorities on 27.7.1940.

GPP. 315—30,000—23-1-36—22/8.

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שם תיק: משטרה מנדט
מזהה פיזי: מ-1339/15
מזהה פריט: 001mn1d
כתובת: 2-108-1-9-1
תאריך הדפסה: 12/01/2021

P.30/1521. JERUSALEM, 2nd January, 1941.

Nazareth.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Loss of Stores.
Reference:- Your convening order No.G.6/103/40 of the 15th of November, 1940.

I am to inform you that, on the 21st December, 1940, the Inspector-General a proved the finding of the court of inquiry, and the Chief Secretary, in his letter No.0/74/37/A of the 31st December, 1940, authorised the write off, as a charge against public funds, of the articles of stores described below :-

Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount LP. Mils.
Section C 1.			
Rifles, No.1, Mk.IIIx, No.3786 Q	1	8.250	8. 250
Section N 1.			
Cartridges, S.A., ball, .303-in., Mk.VII per 1000	50	4.750	0. 238
			8. 488
		Plus 15%	1. 273
		Total	LP.9. 761

2. The proceedings of the court of inquiry, duly endorsed, are returned herewith.

(Sgd.) Howard-Beard
for INSPECTOR GENERAL.

G.6/103/40 DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH,
7th January, 1941.

J.S.P., Tiberias.

For information.

R.J. Townsend
SUPT. OF POLICE.

No.20/2/TA.

Divisional Police Headquarters,
P.O.B. 1447,
Tel Aviv,

20th August, 1940.

Asst. Superintendent of Police
23. AUG. 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

A.S.P., J.S.P.,
Nazareth.

Pension Forms - Late

Subject :- No.7579 T.A.C. Reuven Doerenberg.
Reference:- Your 26/JSD/3 of 30.7.40.

I return herewith forms with report from P/C.1219 Abraham Blecher who states that the above named cannot be traced at the address quoted as well as other streets in the vicinity. On 8.8.40 I have published a press notice in two newspapers in Tel Aviv and I have kept the forms until now, awaiting response from Mr. Sternfeld, the next-of-kin.

I am however arranging for this notice to be published a second time and shall advise you per wireless should Mr Sternfeld be located.

Gwalker Bt.

A.S.P., TEL AVIV.

Copy to :- Inspector General.
reference above quoted letter.

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א.נ.

המברק שלך מ 2.8.40 קבלתי

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2/8/40

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PALES

Warrant of Commitment in I

קודת מאסר בדבר אי תשלום קנס

Court of .....

To the Officer i/c of Prison at .....

Herewith is delivered to you:

Name .....

No. of Case .....

Fine .....

Period of imprisonment in lieu of payment of fine .....

.....

Given under my hand this .....

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CORRESPONDENCE SHEET.

גליון כתיבה صحيفة مراسلة

GPP. 219—100/200 Bks.—11-1-46—28/8.

Original minute המכתב האורגינאלי المذكرة الاصلية	Reply התשובה الجواب

TRANSLATION

Report.

A.S.P. Tiberias

Sir,

On 2.8.40, I was called by the Station Orderly and sent to find a man in the name of Mr. Hugo Shternfeld who is living at 14 Gordon Street Tel-Aviv. From enquiries I understood that there is no man bearing such name at Gordon Street.

I searched in both Gordon and Shlag streets but no trace of this man could be found.

Yours respectfully

(Sgd) Abraham Blecher

F.P.C. 979. 219

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CORRESPONDENCE SHEET.

גליון כתיבה صحيفة مراسلة

GPP. 210—100/200 Bks.—11-1-36—28/8

Original minute המכתב האורגינאלי الذكر الاصلية	Reply התשובה الجواب

26/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 30th August, 1940.

Tel-Aviv.

Subject :- Pension Forms - Late No. 7579 T/A/Constable Reuven Doernberg.

Reference:- My letter of even number dated 30.7.40 and your letter No.20/2/TA of 20.8.40 in reply.

I have now ascertained that the correct name of the Next-of-Kin of the above-named is his Uncle Hugo Shternberger who is a Mechanical Engineer and lives ~~lives~~ at 32, Gordon Street, Tel Aviv.

2. I shall be grateful if you could arrange with the Next-of-Kin to have the attached forms completed and returned to this office as early as possible.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Copy to :- Inspector General.

26/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 30th July, 1940.

Tel Aviv.

Subject :- Pension Forms - No.7579
Late T/A/Constable
Reuben Doernberg.

I should be grateful if you could get the next-of-kin of the late Temporary Additional Constable Doernberg to complete the attached forms and return them to this office as soon as possible.

2. The next-of-kin of the deceased is his Uncle, Mr. Hugo Sternfeld of 14 Gordon Street, Tel Aviv.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Copy to Inspector General.

26/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS. 20th, July, 1940.

B/Sgt. Taylor,
No.8, Company, J.S.P.

Subject :- Pension Forms - No.7579- Late T.A.Const. Reuven Doernberg.

I want youin conjunction with the Next - of - Kin of the late T.A.Constable Reuven Doernberg to very carefully complete all the attached forms and return them t o this office as early as possible.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P. J.S.D.,
Nazareth District.

P.62/3746

Headquarters,
The Palestine Police Force,
Jerusalem.

17 JUL 1940

To J.S.P. Tiberias

Subject :- No. 7579 late T/A/Const.
Ruven Doernberg

I have to draw your attention to Force Orders No.1/38 and 15/38 and shall be glad if you will forward pension form 'B' and relief form duly completed by the dependents of the above-named late T/A/Const to enable me to submit his case to Government for consideration.

2. A copy of the death certificate together with the finding of the Court of Inquiry are also urgently required.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Copy to : P.87/7579
P/7/483

Asst. Superintendant of Police
19. JUL. 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

/MA.

I N D E X.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Divisional Police Headquarters, Tiberias on the 16th day of July, 1940

by order of the D. S. P. Nazareth

vide convening order dated the 25th day of June, 1940

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale

Appointment A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.

MEMBERS

British Inspector S.E.A. Pitt

J. S. D. Tiberias.

At 10 o'clock A.M. the inquiry commences.

GPP. 7375—2000—22.1.39

S U M M A R Y.

On 24.6.40 at approximately 18.15 hrs, two mounted watchmen armed with licensed Pistols left Hassadeh to patrol the settlement lands until nightfall. They proceeded along the track which runs South West from the Colony and over the Railway line in the direction of Tel Amal. When they were nearing the boundary of the settlement lands they encountered four Arab Shepherds tending their sheep which were grazing on the settlement crops. They requested the Shepherds to remove their sheep. The Shepherds took no notice of their request and to show their defiance began pelting the watchmen with stones. At this stage the watchmen decided to return to the settlement and call for further assistance as they considered that a much stronger force would be required to dislodge the Arabs and their sheep.

On their arrival at the settlement at about 1915 hrs they informed T/A/Const. Eliahu Ben Moshe, who at that time was in charge of the settlement post, of the incident. Const.Ben Moshe called Const.Reuven Doernberg and informed him of what the two watchmen had reported to him. After consultation they decided to send a further five men to the scene and they agreed that Doernberg should lead the party as he had a thorough knowledge of the area.

The five extra men were called up and two of them were issued with shotguns and ammunition and a third person was issued with the Verey Signal Pistol and Cartridges; Doernberg and the remaining two carried sticks. The party then left the settlement proceeded by the two mounted watchmen. When they arrived at the spot where the Arab sheep were grazing they found that a further batch of Arabs had arrived to reinforce the four Shepherds. The Arabs commenced throwing stones at the Jews again and it is alleged that some shots were fired by the Arabs. One of the horses was struck in the hind quarters by a charge of shot-gun pellets. At about this time a further batch of Arabs arrived from the neighbouring encampment and the Jews estimate that about 60-70 Arabs were then participating in the affray. As the Jews were being overwhelmed and several of them had received injuries they decided to retire. After retiring for about 400 metres they discovered that Doernberg was missing. One member of the party recollected seeing Doernberg being dragged away by some Arabs in the direction of the encampment. At this stage it was decided to call for further assistance from the settlement in order to form a search party for the missing Constable and in accordance with a pre-arranged plan two red and two green Verey Light Cartridges were fired which was a signal to the settlement that further assistance was required.

When Constable Ben Moshe saw this signal he immediately mustered four Special Constables and armed them with a rifle and 50 rounds .303 ammunition apiece and dispatched them to the scene in the settlement truck. The call for assistance was registered in the Post Diary at 2045 hrs.

When this party arrived at the place where the first party was gathered, the wounds of the injured were dressed and the non injured formed up with the four Specials and proceeded to search for Doernberg. This party also encountered a strong detachment of Arabs and more stone throwing and shooting ensued. The Jews armed with rifles state that they fired a number of shots in the air to frighten the Arabs away. The situation at this period became critical as the Jews were greatly outnumbered and could not advance any further on account of the Arab hostility. This made it much more difficult for the search party to locate Doernberg and as the Jews did not want any further casualties they decided to retire to their settlement and inform the Police.

At approximately 2200 hrs the party returned to the settlement and informed Const. Ben Moshe that Doernberg was missing and that they were unable to make a thorough search owing to the strong opposition put up by the Arabs. Const. Ben Moshe then got into communication with Shutta Police Post and gave them the full details of the case and requested them to pass the information on to Beisan. He also informed the Group Sergeant who, upon the receipt of the information collected the Shutta Mobile Reserve and proceeded to Hassadeh.

Inspector Fullbrook of Beisan Police Station arrived at Arab Sakhni at about 2040 hrs and discovered the dead body of Reuven Doernberg lying on the ground near the encampment dressed in civilian clothes. The back of his head had been battered in and there was a large wound over his left eye.

F I N D I N G.

The Court having carefully perused the evidence placed before it find that No.7579 Temporary Additional Constable Reuben Doernberg was killed in a fight with Arabs in the Hassadeh lands near Arab El Sakna on 24.6.1940.

2. It is the opinion of the Court that in allowing a party of men from his Settlement to proceed to the scene of a case of grazing, armed with shot-guns and sticks in order to evict the Arab trespassers, Temporary Additional Constable Reuben Doernberg was guilty of negligence which resulted in his death. In addition Temporary Additional Constable Doernberg completely disregarded Standing Orders by proceeding on duty in civilian clothes.

3. From the evidence recorded the Court is satisfied that the death of No.7579 Temporary Additional Constable Reuben Doernberg was caused :-

(i) In the execution of his duty,

(ii) On account of circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties, but

(iii) Through his own default and neglect.

PRESIDENT _____ A/S.P.

MEMBER _____ B/INSP.

TIBERIAS,
16.7.1940.

Sheet No. I رقم الورقة מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-35 138 S.

STATEMENT OF YECHUTIEL ASHKEVITZ افادة הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadal الساكن في מקום מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew المذهب דתו עסקיו גילו

On 1-7-40 at Hassadal the statement of the abovenamed was recorded as follows: -

On 24-6-40 at approximately 1815 hrs I was detailed by T.A. Const Ben Moshe to proceed on mounted patrol with Nahum Blumovitz. We reported to the settlement post and there I was issued with a rifle by Const Ben Moshe. Blumovitz who also reported at the same time was issued with a Parabellum. We then received instructions from Const Ben Moshe to patrol the settlement lands until nightfall. We left the settlement together and followed a track which leads towards the southern boundary of the settlement lands. When we were nearing the boundary we encountered four Arab shepherds grazing their sheep on our lands. We requested the shepherds to remove their flocks from at the same time pointed out that they were trespassing on our fields. The shepherds took no notice of our request and to show their defiance began throwing stones at us. We took no further action but decided to return to the settlement and inform Const Ben Moshe of the incident. When we arrived at the settlement we reported the matter to Const Ben Moshe. Later on I was informed by Const Ben Moshe that a further party had been detailed to proceed with us to the scene and that T.A. Constable Reuven Dornberg would be in charge

Sheet No. 2. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Yechuteel Ashkenazy افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Yavneel الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

of the party. When I arrived at the settlement post I saw that Reuven Hornlander and Yaeov Friedman were armed with shotguns and Leon Schindel a third member of the party was carrying the Very pistol and cartridges. The party then left the settlement and proceeded in the direction of our fields. When we arrived at the place where we had encountered the Arab shooting I observed that there were about 15 Arabs assembled. At this stage I and Nahum Blumovitz proceeded in front of the party and the remaining members stayed behind. When we got close to the Arabs several shots were fired at us and my horse was hit in the hindquarters which caused it to rear in the air and throw me to the ground. When I recovered my balance I saw that the remaining members of our party were in conflict with the Arabs. At this juncture I fired 4 or 5 rounds from my pistol in the air in order to frighten the Arabs away. A short time after I had fired I heard Reuven Hornberg shout "Leon fire a rocket" and at the same time I saw our party withdrawing

Joseph Eglash

Sheet No. 8\ رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP, 1924 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Yechuliel Ashkenazi افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hamadah الساكن في
מק'ם מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

from the affray. Leev Schmidt who was in charge of the Verey pistol fired 2 red and a 2 green cartridges in the air. Our party then retired about 300 meters from the scene. When we were assembled together I was informed by the Headlander that the Arab had captured Reuven Dornberg and dragged him away in the direction of their encampment. After a lapse of about 20 minutes the settlement lorry arrived with four Special Constables on board. After informing them of the situation he decided to send the injured persons back to the settlement in the lorry and the remaining members together with the four Specials should form a search party for the missing Dornberg. After the injured had been sent back we formed up and proceeded to search for Dornberg. We scoured the area but were unsuccessful in locating the missing Dornberg. We then proceeded along the Wadi Dawa in the direction of the Arab encampment and on the way we encountered a strong party of Arabs standing on the Northern bank of the Wadi. The Arabs

Sheet No. 4 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1030 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Jechuliel Ackerich افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadah الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

commenced shooting and throwing stones at us again. There were several shots fired by the members of our party, but I did not see who fired. At this stage the position became very critical and in order to avoid any further casualties we decided to retire to the settlement and inform the Police. On arriving at the settlement we informed Const Ben Moshe that T.A. Const Reuven Bomberg was missing and that we had been unable to locate him owing to the strong resistance put up by the Arabs. Later in the night Bedouin informed us that the Police had recovered the dead body of Reuven Bomberg near the encampment of Arab Sahna.

Q.A 1. I think Bomberg was dressed in civilian clothes when he returned home with the party.

Q.A.2 Bomberg was unarmed when he left the settlement.

Q.A 3. The sound of the first shots fired by the Arabs caused my horse to wheel round and it was at this stage that the horse was shot in the hind quarters.

Sheet No. 5. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 P.

STATEMENT OF Yechaliel Ashkenazi افادة
הנדעתו של

Residing at Nahsadah الساكن في
מק'ם מגורו

Age 26 العمر גילו Occupation Labourer المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew. المذهب דתו

Q. A. 4. The fierce resistance put up by the Arabs and the shooting coming from their direction made it impossible for us to advance to Beit Daras.

Q. A. 5. The first time we encountered the Arab shepherds their sheep were eating the loose straw that was lying on our lands.

Q. A. 6. The object of calling for assistance is the first place was to get the sheep off our lands before they could do any further damage

Statement taken down by me this 1st day of July 1940. and read over to witness who acknowledges its correctness by affixing his signature below.

E. Taylor Sgt

Superintendent

Sheet No. 1 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF YERACHMIEL AMELIE افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hanadad الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 23. العمر גילו Occupation Labourer المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew المذهب דתו

On 1-7-40 at Hanadad the statement of the abovenamed was recorded as follows:-

On 24-6-40 at approximately 2100 hrs I was instructed by T.A. Constable Ben Moshe to prepare to turn out as information had been received that there was some trouble in our fields. I reported to the settlement post and received from Const Ben Moshe a rifle and 50 rds .303. I noticed that Eliahou Shect, Abud Haim & Baruch Simanky had also been called up and at the time I arrived at the post they were being issued with rifles and ammunition. Const Ben Moshe instructed us to proceed in the settlement truck in the direction of Arab Dahna and find out what the trouble was. We boarded the truck and proceeded across the fields in the direction of Arab Dahna and on the way we met a party of men from our settlement we asked them if anything had happened and we were informed that there had been a clash with the Arab Dahna tribe and that Reuven Dombery had been captured by the Arabs and dragged away in the direction of their encampment. After learning this information I noticed that there were four casualties amongst the party. After discussing the situation

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Sheet No. 2. رقم الورقة מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Jerachmiel Amelie افادة הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadah الساكن في מקום מגורו

Age 23. العمر גילו Occupation Labourer المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew. المذهب דתו

he decided to send the injured back to the settlement in the track and the remainder to form a search party for the missing Dombeng. After the injured had been sent back to the settlement we formed up and proceeded to search the area for Dombeng: we proceeded along the wadi Daun towards Arab Batma and on the way we encountered about 50 Arabs standing on the Northern side of the wadi. When the Arabs saw us approaching towards them they began shooting and throwing stones at us. At this stage I fired my rifle in the air and the other persons armed with rifles did likewise. The opposition at this stage became very severe and it was impossible for us to advance any further to try and locate Dombeng. and as we did not want to make the situation more serious we decided to return to the settlement and inform the Police. On arriving at the the settlement we informed T.A. Comt. Ben Moshe that Reuven Dombeng was missing and that we had been unable to make a thorough search for him owing to the fierce resistance put up by the Arabs. Late in the night Eliezra that the dead body of Reuven Dombeng had been discovered

Ref. 1

Sheet No. 3. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-35 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Jerachmiel Amelia افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadah. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 23 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

by the Police near Ain Sakna.

Q. A. 1. I am serving as a Special Constable at Hassadah

Q. A. 2. I cannot remember how many shots were fired by the Arabs

Q. A 3. I fired four rounds from my rifle in the air to frighten the Arabs away.

Statement taken down by me this 1st day of July 1940 and read over to within who acknowledged its correctness by affixing his signature below.

E. Taylor Sgt

Asst. I

Sheet No. I رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF YEHOSHUA UNGAR افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadah الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 33 العمر גילו Occupation Labourer المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew. المذهب דתו

On 27.6.40 at Hassadah settlement the statement of the abovenamed was recorded as follows :-

On 24.6.40 at about 1915 hrs I was informed by T.A. Const. Eliahu Ben Moshe to prepare to turn out with revenge other members of the settlement to field, as information had been received that Arabs were grazing their sheep on our lands. I reported to the settlement post and met four other civilians preparing to turn out. I observed that the Commander of Yagur Friedman two members of the party were armed with shotguns and a third person named Fritz Schmidt was carrying a Verey light pistol and cartridges. I also noted that Reuven Dornberg had taken charge of the party. About 10 minutes after my arrival we left the settlement preceded by two mounted watchmen and followed a track leading in the direction of Arab Sabra. When we got to within 300 meters of the Arab encampment we encountered about 15 Arabs with their sheep on our lands. At this stage the mounted men carried on and we stayed behind. When the horsemen came to within 30 meters of the Arab shepherds I heard

Sheet No. 2. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1924 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

some shots fired. I saw one of the Lancers rear in the air and the horseman fall to the ground. When we saw the horseman in difficulties we proceeded towards the Arabs and at the same time the Arabs advanced towards us. At this time I saw Rueven Dornberg take up a position in front of his family. When we arrived to within a few metres of the Arabs the Arabs rushed towards us and began beating us with sticks and throwing stones. At this stage I noticed that Rueven Dornberg had got mixed up with the Arabs. A little while later I heard Dornberg shout "Leev, fire a rocket". Leev Schmidt who was in charge of the Verey pistol fired 2 red + 2 green cartridges. I then ran towards Rueven to assist him as I noticed that he was in a very dangerous position, but I was prevented from reaching him by an Arab who hit me on the arm with a stick and fractured it. I tried to proceed further but I was unsuccessful owing to my disability. I then saw the Arabs dragging Rueven Dornberg towards their camp. The remaining members of the family and myself then retired about 400 metres

Sheet No. 3. رقم الورقة מס. הגליון

GPP. 1934 1000 Pads.—15-6-35 138 S.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في מקום מגורו

Age ..... العمر גילו Occupation ..... المهنة עסקו Religion ..... المذهب דתו

and a while there until the settlement truck arrived with 4 Special Constables I took no further part in the proceedings and returned to the settlement in the truck.

Q.A 1. I am aware that Reuven Dornberg was a Temporary Additional Const.

Q.A 2. Dornberg was dressed in civilian clothes when he went out with the party.

Q.A.3. I was of the opinion that the bomb had been shot when I saw it near in the air

Q.A.4 I did not see any of the Jews fire their shotguns.

Q.A.5. I was armed with a stick at the time we clashed with the Arabs.

Q.A.6. Yes, I remember striking several Arabs with my stick during the affray.

Q.A.7. There were five casualties amongst our party!

Q.A.8. It was impossible for our party to advance any further to locate Dornberg as nearly all of them were suffering from injuries and the fierce resistance put up by the Arabs made it impossible for us to approach any further.

C.I.D. 2/12/36

Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-35 138 S.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q. A.G. S am certain that the first shots that were fired came from the direction of the Arabs

Q. A 10. The two Jews who were armed with shotguns were standing immediately behind me when the two Europeans advanced towards the Arabs and if they had fired their shotguns S should S have known immediately

Statement taken down by me this 27th day of June 1940. and read over to witness who acknowledges its correctness by affixing his signature below.

E. Sayers Sgt

יואל אודם

Sheet No. 1 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP, 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF T.A.Const. No 8050 ELIAHOR BEN HOSHEE
הודעתו של

Residing at Haroodad
الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 28 العمر גילו Occupation Police المهنة עסקו Religion Jew. المذهب דתו

On 27.6.40. at Haroodad the statement of the abovenamed was recorded as follows:-

I am serving as a T.A.Const at Haroodad and I have been in the Jewish Settlement Police since 16.5.40.

On 24.6.40 at 1815 hrs I issued two civilian watchmen with 4 rounds of ammunition apiece and instructed them to patrol the settlement lands on horseback. At about 1915 hrs the patrol returned to the settlement and informed me that 4 Arab shepherds were grazing their sheep on the settlement lands and that they ~~patrol~~ had requested the shepherds to remove their sheep from the settlement lands. The shepherds had refused to comply with the request and to show their defiance began throwing stones at the watchmen. The watchmen made no attempts to remove the sheep, but came back to the settlement and reported the incident to me. I called T.A.Const Reuven Dornberg and informed him of the incident. After discussing the situation decided to send five more men to the scene with Dornberg in charge of them to find out the exact position. I issued two of five men with shotguns and ammunition and to a third member of the party I issued the Verey light pistol & cartridges. It came to my knowledge later that Dornberg & the remaining two members of the party

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Sheet No. 2. رقم الورقة מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF T.A-Const. N° 8050. ELIAHUA BEN MOSHE הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadah الساكن في מקום מגורו

Age 28 العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion Jew. الدين דתו עסקיו גילו

carried sticks. The party then left the settlement preceded by the two mounted watchmen to the fields.

At 2045 hrs I saw two red & two green signal lights in the air in the direction of Arab Sahra. This was a pre-arranged signal that the party required more assistance to cope with the situation. I immediately mustered four special Constable and armed them with rifles and ammunition and dispatched them in the settlement truck to the place where the signal had been seen. At about this time I sent a man to the telephone and instructed him to inform Shatta Police Post of the incident. After a lapse of several minutes I was called to the telephone and I was asked by a member of Shatta police post if the Verey light signal had come from Hassadah. I told him that the signal had come from the direction of our fields. I do not remember what further conversation took place at this stage

At about 21.45 hrs the settlement truck returned to the Colony with several injured persons on board and I was informed by one of the injured persons that Dorenberg had been taken away by the Arabs during the affray and that they had been unable to find him. On receipt

Sheet No. 3. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF T.A Const. N° 8050 ELIAHUN BEN MOSHE اقوال
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadah الساكن في
מק"מ מגורו

Age 28 العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקו דתו

of the information I notified Shatta Police and gave them full details of the case. I also informed Sgt Cohen at Shatta and requested that he should bring a doctor to Hassadah, at once as there had been a clash between the Jews of Hassadah and the Arabs of Arab Batna and several Jews had been injured in the affray. About half an hour later the remaining members of the party returned to the settlement

At about 2245 hrs a telephone message was received from Beit Alpha informing us that Beisan Police had proceeded to Arab Batna. About half an hour later a further telephone call was received from Tel Amal which informed us that the Police had recovered the dead body of T.A. Const. Reuven Dornberg. Sometime later Supt. Fullbrook arrived at the settlement and handed over the body of Reuven Dornberg.

Q.A.1. Const Reuven Dornberg was not on duty at the time I informed him of the incident

Q.A.2. Dornberg had received slight injuries to his right hand several days previous and as a result was unable to carry a rifle or to write in the first hand.

Q.A.3. T.A. Const Reuven Dornberg was dressed in civilian clothes at the time he turned out with his party

Sheet No. 4. رقم الورقة מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-35 138 S.

STATEMENT OF T.A. Const No 8050. ELIAHUA BEN Hosh[illegible] הודעתו של

Residing at Hanadal الساكن في מקום מגורו

Age 28 العمر גילו Occupation Police المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew الدين דתו

Q.A.4 Dornberg agreed to lead the party as he had a good knowledge of Arabic and he knew the area very well.

Q.A.5 Dornberg did not consider the situation very serious and he said he would be able to make peace with the Arabs as he was acquainted with most of the tribe

Q.A.6. The party which was to lead by Dornberg were armed in civilian clothes.

Q.A.7. It was Dornberg's suggestion that his party should go out armed as they did.

Q.A.8. T.A. Const No 7579 Reuven Dornberg was the senior Constable at Hanadal prior to his death.

Statement taken down by me this 27th day of June 1940. and read over to witness who acknowledges its correctness by affixing his signature hereto.

E. Taylor Sgt 822.

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STATEMENT OF T/A/Constable No.8050 Eliahou Ben Moshe افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 28 العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 27.6.40 at Hassadeh the statement of the above-named was recorded as follows :-

I am serving as a T/A/Constable at Hassadeh and I have been in the Jewish Settlement Police since 16.5.40.

On 24.6.40 at 1815 hrs I issued two civilian watchmen (YECHUTIEL ASHKEVITZ + NAHUM BLUMOVITZ) with a Mauser and Parabellum (respectively) and instructed them to patrol the Settlement lands on horseback.

At about 1915 hrs the patrol returned to the Settlement and informed me that 4 Arabs Shepherds were grazing their sheep on the Settlement lands and that they had requested the Shepherds to remove their sheep from the Settlement lands. The Shepherds had refused to comply with the request and to show their defiance began throwing stones at the watchmen. The Watchmen made no attempts to remove the sheep but came back to the Settlement and reported the incident to me. I called T/A/Constable Reuven Doerberg and informed him of the incident. After discussing the situation we decided to send five more men to the scene with Doernberg in charge of them to find out the exact position. I issued two of five men with shotguns and ammunition and to a third member of the party I issued the Verey Light Pistol and Cartridges. It came to my knowledge later that Doernberg and the remaining two members of the party carried sticks. The party then left the Settlement proceeded by the two mounted watchmen to the fields.

At 2045 hrs I saw two red and two green signal light in the air in the direction of Arab Sakna. This was a prearranged signal that the party required more assistance to cope with the situation. I immediately mustered four Special Constables and armed them with rifles and ammunition and dispatched them in the Settlement truck to the place where the signal had been seen. At about this time I sent a man to the telephone and instructed him to inform Shutta Police Post of the incident. After a lapse of several minutes I was called to the telephone and I was asked by a member of Shutta Police Post if the Verey Light Signal had come from Hassadeh. I told him that the signal had come from the direction of our fields. I do not remember what further conversation took place at this stage.

At about 21.45 hrs the Settlement truck returned to the Colony with several injured persons on board and I was informed by one of the injured persons that Doernberg had been taken away by the Arabs during the affray and that they had been unable to find him. On receipt of this information I notified Shutta Police and gave them full details of the case. I also informed Sgt. Cohen at Shutta and requested that he should bring a doctor to Hassadeh, at once as there had been a clash between the Jews of Hassadeh and the Arabs of Arab Sakna and several Jews had been injured in the affray. About half an hour later the remaining members of the party returned to the Settlement.

P. T. O.

At about 2245 hrs a telephone message was received from Beit Alpha informing us that Beisan Police had proceeded to Arab Sakna. About half an hour later a further telephone call was received from Tel Amal which informed us that the Police had recovered the dead body of T/A/Constable Reuven Doernberg. Sometime later Inspector Fullbrook arrived at the Settlement and handed over the body of Reuven Doernberg.

Q. &. A. 1. Constable Reuven Doernberg was not on duty at the time I informed him of the incident.

Q. &. A. 2. Doernberg had received slight injuries to his right hand deveral days previous and as a result was unable to carry a rifle or to write in the Post Diary.

Q. &. A. 3. Temporary Additional Constable Reuven Doernberg was dressed in civilian clothes at the time he turned out with his party.

Q. &. A. 4. Doernberg agreed to lead the party as he had a good knowledge of Arabic and he knew the area very well.

Q. &. A. 5. Doernberg did not consider the situation very serious and he said he would be able to make peace with the Arabs as he was acquainted with most of the tribe.

Q. &. A. 6. The party which was lead by Doernberg were dressed in civilian clothes.

Q. &. A. 7. It was Doernberg's suggestion that his party should go out armed and dressed as they did.

Q. &. A. 8 Temporary Additional Constable No.7579 Reuven Doernberg was the senior Constable at Hassadeh prior to his death.

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STATEMENT OF T/A/Constable No.8050 Eliahou Ben Moshe افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 28 العمر Occupation Police المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 27.6.40 at Hassadeh the statement of the above-named was recorded as follows :-

I am serving as a T/A/Constable at Hassadeh and I have been in the Jewish Settlement Police since 16.5.40.

On 24.6.40 at 1815 hrs I issued two civilian watchmen (YECHUTIEL ASHKREVITZ + NAHUM BLUMOVITZ) with a Mauser and Parabellum ~~apiece~~ (respectively) and instructed them to patrol the Settlement lands on horseback.

At about 1915 hrs the patrol returned to the Settlement and informed me that 4 Arabs Shepherds were grazing their sheep on the Settlement lands and that they had requested the Shepherds to remove their sheep from the Settlement lands. The Shepherds had refused to comply with the request and to show their defiance began throwing stones at the watchmen. The Watchmen made no attempts to remove the sheep but came back to the Settlement and reported the incident to me. I called T/A/Constable Reuven Doerberg and informed him of the incident. After discussing the situation we decided to send five more men to the scene with Doernberg in charge of them to find out the exact position. I issued two of five men with shotguns and ammunition and to a third member of the party I issued the Verey Light Pistol and Cartridges. It came to my knowledge later that Doernberg and the remaining two members of the party carried sticks. The party then left the Settlement proceeded by the two mounted watchmen to the fields.

At 2045 hrs I saw two red and two green signal light in the air in the direction of Arab Sakna. This was a prearranged signal that the party required more assistance to cope with the situation. I immediately mustered four Special Constables and armed them with rifles and ammunition and dispatched them in the Settlement truck to the place where the signal had been seen. At about this time I sent a man to the telephone and instructed him to inform Shutta Police Post of the incident. After a lapse of several minutes I was called to the telephone and I was asked by a member of Shutta Police Post if the Verey Light Signal had come from Hassadeh. I told him that the signal had come from the direction of our fields. I do not remember what further conversation took place at this stage.

At about 21.45 hrs the Settlement truck returned to the Colony with several injured persons on board and I was informed by one of the injured persons that Doernberg had been taken away by the Arabs during the affray and that they had been unable to find him. On receipt of this information I notified Shutta Police and gave them full details of the case. I also informed Sgt. Cohen at Shutta and requested that he should bring a doctor to Hassadeh, at once as there had been a clash between the Jews of Hassadeh and the Arabs of Arab Sakna and several Jews had been injured in the affray. About half an hour later the remaining members of the party returned to the Settlement.

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Q. &. A. 1. Constable Reuven Doernberg was not on duty at the time I informed him of the incident.

Q. &. A. 2. Doernberg had received slight injuries to his right hand deveral days previous and as a result was unable to carry a rifle or to write in the Post Diary.

Q. &. A. 3. Temporary Additional Constable Reuven Doernberg was dressed in civilian clothes at the time he turned out with his party.

Q. &. A. 4. Doernberg agreed to lead the party as he had a good knowledge of Arabic and he knew the area very well.

Q. &. A. 5. Doernberg did not consider the situation very serious and he said he would be able to make peace with the Arabs as he was acquainted with most of the tribe.

Q. &. A. 6. The party which was lead by Doernberg were dressed in civilian clothes.

Q. &. A. 7. It was Doernberg's suggestion that his party should go out armed and dressed as they did.

Q. &. A. 8 Temporary Additional Constable No.7579 Reuven Doernberg was the senior Constable at Hassadeh prior to his death.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-37 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Yechutiel Ashkevitz. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. الساكن في
מק"ם מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation Labourer: المهنة Religion Jew الدين
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 1.7.40 at Hassadeh the statement of the above named was recorded as follows :-

On 24.6.40 at approximately 1815 hrs. I was detailed by T/A/Constable Ben Moshe to proceed on mounted patrol with Nahum Blumovitz. I reported to the Settlement post and there I was issued with a mauser pistol by Constable Ben Moshe. Blumovitz who also reported at the same time was issued with a Parabellom. We then received instructions from Constable Ben Moshe to patrol the Settlement lands until night fall. We left the Settlement together and followed a track which leads towrds the Southern Boundary of the Settlement lands. When we were nearing the boundary we encountered four Arab Shepherds grazing their sheep on our lands. We requested the Shepherds to remove their flocks at the same time pointed out that they were trespassing on our fields. The Shepherds took no notice of our request and to show their defiance began throwing stones at us. We took no further action but decided to return to the Settlement and inform Constable Ben Moshe, of the incident. When we arrived at the Settlement we reported the matter to Constable Ben Moshe. Later on I was informed by Constable Ben Moshe that a further six men had been detailed to proceed with us to the scene and that T/A/Const. Reuven Doernberg would be in charge of the party. When I arrived at the Settlement Post I saw that Reuven Mernlander and Yacov Friedman were armed with shotguns and Zeev Schimdt a third member of the party was carrying the Verey Pistol and Cartridges. The party then left the Settlement and proceeded in the direction of our fields. When we arrived at the place where we had encountered the Arab Shepherds I observed that there were about 15 Arabs assembled. At this stage I and Nahum Blumovitz proceeded in front of the party and the remaining members stayed behind. When we got close to the Arabs several shots were fired at us and my horse was hit in the hindquarters which caused it to rear in the air and throw me to the ground. When I ~~xxxxxxx~~ recovered my balance I saw that the remaining members of our party were in complict with the Arabs. At this junction I fired 4 or 5 rounds from my pistol in the air in order to frighten the Arabs away. A short time after I had fired I heard Reuven Doernberg shout "Zeev fire a rocket" and at the same time I saw our party withdrawing from the affray. Zeev Schmidt who was in charge of the Verey Pistol fired 2 red and 2 green cartridges in the air. Our party then retired about 300 metres from the scene. When we were assembled together I was informed by Uri mernlander that the Arabs had captured Reuven Doernberg and dragged him away in the direction of their encampment. After a lapse of about 20 minutes the Settlement truck arrived with four Special Constables on board. After informing them of the situation we decided to send the injured persons back to the Settlement in the truck and the remaining members together with the four Specials should form a search party for the missing Doernberg.

P. T. O.

After the injured had been sent back we formed up and proceeded to search for Doernberg. We scoured the area but we were unsuccessful in locating the missing Doernberg. We then proceeded along the Wadi Daur in the direction of the Arab encampment and on the way we encountered a strong party of Arabs standing on the southern bank of the Wadi. The Arabs commenced shooting and throwing stones at us again. There were several shots fired by the members of our party, but I did not see who fired. At this stage the position became very critical and in order to avoid any further casualties we decided to return to the Settlement and inform the Police. On arriving at the Settlement we informed Constable Ben Moshe that Temporary Additional Constable Reuven Doernberg was missing and that we had been unable to locate him owing to the strong resistance put up by the Arabs. Later in the night I was informed that the Police had recovered the dead body of Reuven Doernberg near the encampment of Arab Sakna.

Q. &. A. 1. I think Doernberg was dressed in civilian clothes when he turned out with the party.

Q. &. A. 2. Doernberg was unarmed when he left the Settlement.

Q. &. A. 3 The round of the first shots fired by the Arabs caused my horse to wheel round and it was at this stage that the horse was shot in the hindquanters.

Q. &. A. 4. The fierce resistance put up by the Arabs and the shooting coming from their direction made it impossible for us to advance to locate Doernberg.

Q. &. A. 5. The first time we encountered the Arab Shepherds their sheep were eating the loose straw that was lying on our lands.

Q. &. A. 6. The object of calling for assistance in the first place was to get the sheep off our lands before they could do any further damage.

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STATEMENT OF Yechutiel Ashkevitz. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. الساكن في
מק"ם מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation Labourer. المهنة Religion Jew الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 1.7.40 at Hassadeh the statement of the above named was recorded as follows :-

On 24.6.40 at approximately 1815 hrs. I was detailed by T/A/Constable Ben Moshe to proceed on mounted patrol with Nahum Blumovitz. I reported to the Settlement post and there I was issued with a mauser pistol by Constable Ben Moshe. Blumovitz who also reported at the same time was issued with a Parabellom. We then received instructions from Constable Ben Moshe to patrol the Settlement lands until night fall. We left the Settlement together and followed a track which leads towrds the Southern Boundary of the Settlement lands. When we were nearing the boundary we encountered four Arab Shepherds grazing their sheep on our lands. We requested the Shepherds to remove their flocks at the same time pointed out that they were trespassing on our fields. The Shepherds took no notice of our request and to show their defiance began throwing stones at us. We took no further action but decided to return to the Settlement and inform Constable Ben Moshe, of the incident. When we arrived at the Settlement we reported the matter to Constable Ben Moshe. Later on I was informed by Constable Ben Moshe that a further six men had been detailed to proceed with us to the scene and that T/A/Const. Reuven Doernberg would be in charge of the party. When I arrived at the Settlement Post I saw that Reuven Mernlander and Yacov Friedman were armed with shotguns and Zeev Schimdt a third member of the party was carrying the Verey Pistol and Cartridges. The party then left the Settlement and proceeded in the direction of our fields. When we arrived at the place where we had encountered the Arab Shepherds I observed that there were about 15 Arabs assembled. At this stage I and Nahum Blumovitz proceeded in front of the party and the remaining members stayed behind. When we got close to the Arabs several shots were fired at us and my horse was hit in the hindquarters which caused it to rear in the air and throw me to the ground. When I recovered my balance I saw that the remaining members of our party were in complict with the Arabs. At this junction I fired 4 or 5 rounds from my pistol in the air in order to frighten the Arabs away. A short time after I had fired I heard Reuven Doernberg shout "Zeev fire a rocket" and at the same time I saw our party withdrawing from the affray. Zeev Schmidt who was in charge of the Verey Pistol fired 2 red and 2 green cartridges in the air. Our party then retired about 300 metres from the scene. When we were assembled together I was informed by Uri mernlander that the Arabs had captured Reuven Doernberg and dragged him away in the direction of their encampment. After a lapse of about 20 minutes the Settlement truck arrived with four Special Constables on board. After informing them of the situation we decided to send the injured persons back to the Settlement in the truck and the remaining members together with the four Specials should form a search party for the missing Doernberg.

P. T. O.

After the injured had been sent back we formed up and proceeded to search for Doernberg. We scoured the area but we were unsuccessful in locating the missing Doernberg. We then proceeded along the Wadi Daur in the direction of the Arab encampment and on the way we encountered a strong party of Arabs standing on the southern bank of the Wadi. The Arabs commenced shooting and throwing stones at us again. There were several shots fired by the members of our party, but I did not see who fired. At this stage the position became very critical and in order to avoid any further casualties we decided to return to the Settlement and inform the Police. On arriving at the Settlement we informed Constable Ben Moshe that Temporary Additional Constable Reuven Doernberg was missing and that we had been unable to locate him owing to the strong resistance put up by the Arabs. Later in the night I was informed that the Police had recovered the dead body of Reuven Doernberg near the encampment of Arab Sakna.

Q. &. A. 1. I think Doernberg was dressed in civilian clothes when he turned out with the party.

Q. &. A. 2. Doernberg was unarmed when he left the Settlement.

Q. &. A. 3 The round of the first shots fired by the Arabs caused my horse to wheel round and it was at this stage that the horse was shot in the hindquanters.

Q. &. A. 4. The fierce resistance put up by the Arabs and the shooting coming from their direction made it impossible for us to advance to locate Doernberg.

Q. &. A. 5. The first time we encountered the Arab Shepherds their sheep were eating the loose straw that was lying on our lands.

Q. &. A. 6. The object of calling for assistance in the first place was to get the sheep off our lands before they could do any further damage.

Taylor Cowie

Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1034 1000 Pads.—15-6-39 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Yerachmiel Amelie. ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. ..... الساكن في
בק ם מגורו

Age 23 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 1.7.40 at Hassadeh the statement of the above-named was recorded as follows :-

On 24.6.40 at approximately 2100 hrs I was instructed by T/A/Const. Ben Moshe to prepare to turn out as information had been received that there was some trouble in our fields. I reported to the Settlement post and received from Constable Ben Moshe a rifle and 50 rounds .303. I noticed that Eliahou Hect, Ahud Haim and Baruch Simonski had also been called up and at the time I arrived at the post they were being issued with rifles and ammunition. Constable Ben Moshe instructed us to proceed in the Settlement truck in the direction of Arab Sakna and find out what the trouble was. We boarded the truck and proceeded across the fields in the direction of Arab Sakna and on the way we met a party of Jews from our Settlement we asked them if anything had happened and we were informed that there had been a clash with the Arabs Sakna tribe and that Reuven Doernberg had been captured by the Arabs and dragged away in the direction of their encampment. After hearing this information I noticed that there were five casualties amongst the party. After discussing the situation we decided to send the injured back to the Settlement in the truck and the remainder to form a search party for the missing Doernberg. After the injured had been sent back to the Settlement we formed up and proceeded to search the area for Doernberg. We proceeded along the Wadi Daur towards Arab Sakna and on the way we encountered about 50 Arabs standing on the southern side of the Wadi. When the Arabs saw us approaching towards them they began shooting and throwing stones at us. At this stage I fired my rifle in the air and the other persons armed with rifles did likewise. The opposition at this stage became very severe and it was impossible for us to advance any further to try and locate Doernberg. And as we did not want to make the situation more serious we decided to return to the Settlement and inform the Police. On arriving at the Settlement we informed T/A/Constable Ben Moshe that Reuven Doernberg was missing and that we had been unable to make a thorough search for him owing ~~x~~ to the fierce resistance put-up by the Arabs. Later in the night I heard that the dead body of Doernberg had been discovered by the Police near Arab Sakna.

Q. &. A. 1. I am serving as a Special Const. at Hassadeh.

Q. &. A. 2. I cannot remember how many shots were fired by the Arabs.

Q. &. A. 3. I fired four rounds from my rifle in the air to frighten the Arabs away.

Sheet No. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 138 P.

STATEMENT OF Yerachmiel Amelie. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. الساكن في
נק ם מגורו

Age 23 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 1.7.40 at Hassadeh the statement of the above-named was recorded as follows :-

On 24.6.40 at approximately 2100 hrs I was instructed by F/A/Const. Ben Moshe to prepare to turn out as information had been received that there was some trouble in our fields. I reported to the Settlement post and received from Constable Ben Moshe a rifle and 50 rounds .303. I noticed that Eliahou Hect, Ahud Haim and Baruch Simonski had also been called up and at the time I arrived at the post they were being issued with rifles and ammunition. Constable Ben Moshe instructed us to proceed in the Settlement truck in the direction of Arab Sakna and find out what the trouble was. We boarded the truck and proceeded across the fields in the direction of Arab Sakna and on the way we met a party of Jews from our Settlement we asked them if anything had happened and we were informed that there had been a clash with the Arabs Sakna tribe and that Reuven Doernberg had been captured by the Arabs and dragged away in the direction of their encampment. After hearing this information I noticed that there were five casualties amongst the party. After discussing the situation we decided to send the injured back to the Settlement in the truck and the remainder to form a search party for the missing Doernberg. After the injured had been sent back to the Settlement we formed up and proceeded to search the area for Doernberg. We proceeded along the Wadi Daur towards Arab Sakna and on the way we encountered about 50 Arabs standing on the southern side of the Wadi. When the Arabs saw us approaching towards them they began shooting and throwing stones at us. At this stage I fired my rifle in the air and the other persons armed with rifles did likewise. The opposition at this stage became very severe and it was impossible for us to advance any further to try and locate Doernberg. And as we did not want to make the situation more serious we decided to return to the Settlement and inform the Police. On arriving at the Settlement we informed F/A/Constable Ben Moshe that Reuven Doernberg was missing and that we had been unable to make a thorough search for him owing ~~g~~ to the fierce resistance put-up by the Arabs Later in the night I heard that the dead body of Doernberg had been discovered by the Police near Arab Sakna.

Q. &. A. 1. I am serving as a Special Const. at Hassadeh.

Q. &. A. 2. I cannot remember how many shots were fired by the Arabs.

Q. &. A. 3. I fired four rounds from my rifle in the air to frighten the Arabs away.

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Sheet No. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3| 138 E.

STATEMENT OF Yehoshua Ungar. المادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. الساكن في
בק ם מגורו

Age 33 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 27.6.40 at Hassadeh Settlement the statement of the above-named was recorded as follows :-

On 24.6.40 at about 1915 hrs I was informed by T/A/Const. Eliahou Ben Moshe to prepare to turn out with several other members of the Settlement to the fields, as information had been received that Arabs were grazing their sheep on our lands. I reported to the Settlement Post and met four other civilians preparing to turn out. I observed that Uri Mernlander and Yacov Friedman two members of the party were armed with shotguns and a third person named Zeev Schmidt was carrying a Verey Light Pistol and cartridges. I also noted that Reuven Doernberg had taken charge of the party. About 10 minutes after my arrival we left the Settlement proceeded by two mounted watchmen and followed a track leading in the direction of Arab Sakna. When we got to within 300 metres of the Arab encampment we encountered about 15 Arabs with their sheep on our lands. At this stage the mounted men carried on and we stayed behind. When the horsemen came to within 30 metres of the Arab Shepherds I heard some shots fired. I saw one of the horses rear in the air and the horseman fall to the ground. When we saw the horseman in difficulties we proceeded towards the Arabs and at the same time the Arabs advanced towards us. At this time I saw Reuven Doernberg take up a position in front of his party. When we arrived to within a few metres of the Arabs the Arabs rushed towards us and began beating us with sticks and throwing stones. At this stage I noticed that Reuven Doernberg had got mixed up with the Arabs. A little while later I heard Doernberg shout "Zeev fire a rocket". Zeev Schmidt who was in charge of the Verey Pistol fired 2 red and 2 green cartridges. I then ran towards Reuven to assist him as I noticed that he was in a very dangerous position, but I was prevented from reaching him by an Arab who hit me on the arm with a stick and fractured it. I tried to proceed further but I was unsuccessful owing to my disability. I then saw the Arabs dragging Reuven Doernberg towards their camp. The remaining members of the party and myself then returned about 400 metres and waited there until the Settlement truck arrived with 4 Special Constables. I took no further part in the proceedings and returned to the Settlement in the truck.

Q. &. A. 1. I am aware that Reuven Doernberg was a T/A/Constable.

Q. &. A. 2. Doernberg was dressed in civilian clothes when he went out with the party.

Q. &. A. 3. I was of the opinion that the horse had been shot when I saw it rear in the air.

Q. &. A. 4. I did not see any of the Jews fire their shotguns.

Q. &. A. 5. I was armed with a stick at the time we clashed with the Arabs.

P. T. O.

Q. &. A. 6. Yes, I remember striking several Arabs with my stick during the affray.

Q. &. A. 7. There were five casualties amongst our party.

Q. &. A. 8. It was impossible for our party to advance any further to locate Doernberg as nearby all of them were suffering from injuries and the fierce resistance put up by the Arabs made it impossible for us to approach any further.

Q. &. A. 9. I am certain that the first shots that were fired came from the direction of the Arabs.

Q. &. A. 10. The two Jews who were armed with shotguns were standing immediately behind me when the two horsemen advanced towards the Arabs and if they had fired their shotguns I should I have known immediately.

Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3: 138 P.

STATEMENT OF Yehoshua Ungar. ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Hassadeh. ..... الساكن في
נקם מגורו

Age 33 العمر Occupation Labourer المهنة Religion Jew المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

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יצחק אולשן

C O P Y.

C O R O N E R ' S I N Q U I S I T I O N.

An Inquisition taken for the High Commissioner for Palestine in Tiberias in the Sub-District of Tiberias on the 28th day of June,1940 by Nicola Saba Coroner for Galilee District, to enquire as to the death of Reuven Doernberg from Sadeh Nahum, Beisan S/D. who is 27 years old.

It is found that the body of the said Reuven Doernberg was found dead at Sadeh Nahum on 24. 6. 1940.

2. In the special circumstances of this case I hereby order that the case should be referred to the Investigation Magistrate and that his findings in this case should be referred to me in due course.

In witness whereof I hereunder subscribe my hand and seal the said 28th day of June, 1940.

(Sgd.) Nicola Saba.
Coroner
Galilee District
Tiberias.

Copy to :- District Commissioner Galilee.
Medical Officer, Tiberias.
Police Inspector, Beisan.

G.6/55/40.

DISTRICT POLICE HQRS.
NAZARETH.
10th. July, 1940.

A.S.P.- J.S.D.,
Tiberias.

Subject :- Murder of No.7579
T/A/C Reuven
Doernberg.

Reference:- My Convening Order
dated 25.6.40.

Please expedite
proceedings forthwith.

D. S. P.

P.S. Affuleh.

19.8.

Asst. Superintendent of Police
20. AUG. 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

A.G.A. J/a/D.
Jibeties

Subject:- Court of Inquiry - Death of No. 6128.
L/Sgt Nahum Birman.

Reference your telephone message of 19.8.40
I enclose herewith a copy of a letter sgd by
the D.S as asked for by you

[redacted]

Inspector of Police
No.
Date
Investigation Branch
Affula Police Station

Affuleh.

C O P Y.

P.7/482.

19th. July, 1940.

Asst. Superintendent of Police
23. JUL 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

Nazareth.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Death of No.6128 L/Sgt. Nahum Berman.

Reference:- Your convening order No. G.6/47/40 of the 7th. of June, 1940.

I am to inform you that, on the 1st of July, 1940, the Inspector-General approved the finding of the court of inquiry, and authorised the write off, as a charge against public funds of the articles of stores described below :-

Description		Quantity	Rate	Amount LP. Mils.
Section A. 1.				
Boots, ankle, No.4	10 pr.	1	0.968	0.968
Hats, Slouch	7 4.	1	0.213	0.213
Overalls, comibination, drill, brown.	pr.	4	0.638	2.552.
Puttees, serge, khaki.	"	1	0.117	0.117
Shorts, drill, khaki, No.4	"	3	0.292	0.876
Section A 2.				
Shirts, flannel, khaki		4	0.492	1.968
				6.694
		Plus 15%		1.004
		Total	LP.	7.698

The proceedings of the court of inquiry, duly endorsed, are returned herewith.

G. 6/47/40
I.S.P. Telavis

(Sgd.) ? ? ?
for INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Forwarded for information
2. Proceedings as enclosed herein
I.S.P.

22-7-40

24/7

Central Prison Acre

W/402 Wdr. Pinhas Sheinerman 21st February, 1939.
427 „ Shemuel Fuhrer 24th February, 1939.

Struck off strength with effect from the dates shown against their names. Resigned.
(P.11/194/26/P)

Depot

8494 Const. Abraham Reiss
Struck off strength with effect from 1st March, 1939. Resigned.
(P.87/8494)

Supernumerary Police

Haifa Rural division

A/8611 Const. Meyer Yoshua (Palestine Land Development Co.)
Struck off strength with effect from 14th February, 1939. Resigned

A/185 Const. Radie Ibrahim Khames (Iraq Petroleum Co.) 7.2.39
188 „ Rashid Ayyoub Saleh do 15.2.39
Struck off strength with effect from the dates stated against their names. Resigned

Haifa Urban division

A/8744 Const. Leib Fridman (Solel Boneh) 13.2.39
8772 „ Moshe Etzioni do
8786 „ Zvi Fisheimer do
8789 „ Zvi Epstein do
8778 „ Yoel Michael do
8784 „ Moshe Weisberger do
9 10 „ Shlomo Winokura 14.2.39
8738 Cpl. Arthur Weingreb 17.2.39
Struck off strength with effect from the dates stated against their names.

A/8880 Const. Uri Plotnik (Solel Boneh Co.)
8379 „ Shlomo Zacharia
Struck off strength with effect from 16th February, 1939. (Services no longer require

A/8709 Const. Abraham Fishman (Teifer and Knopf)
Struck off strength with effect from 16th February, 1939. Resigned.
(P.11/194/18/SG).

Ramat Gan division

A/6474 Const. Muhammad Mahmud Salahi (Majdal Yaba Quarries)
Struck off strength with effect from 10th February, 1939. Resigned.
(P.11/194/15/SG.)

Palestinian Police

2239 F.P.C. Aharon Hazanovith Ramat Gan
Struck off strength with effect from 27th February, 1939 Accidentally killed
(P.7/375)

504 F.P.C. Elias Mallahi Jaffa
Struck off strength with effect from 1st March, 1939 Dismissed
(See discipline and punishments) (P.61/69/419)

75 F.P.C. Yoel Frankel Haifa Urban
337 „ Elhanan Dov Rubenstein do
Struck off strength with effect from 1st March, 1939 Resigned
(P.87/75–P.87/337)

Cook Instructor. Awad Jouma Hussein Prison Acre
Struck off strength with effect from 14th February, 1939 Killed
(P.7/369)

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE
Gen. 54.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Affula
on the 26th day of June, 1940
by order of the D.D.S.P., Nazareth
vide convening order dated the 7th day of June, 1940.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale

Appointment A/A. S. P.

MEMBERS

Asst. Inspector Matheson J.F.

At 10 o'clock A.M. the inquiry commences.

At 6.30 P.M. the inquiry finished.

GPP. 1320—2000—20.7.36

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-39 138 S.

STATEMENT OF No.6132. L/Sgt. Shraga Mostvolishker. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Kfar Yeladim colony. الساكن في
מק"מ מגורו

Age 26. العمر Occupation L/Sgt. T.A.P: المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 7.6.40. at 0930 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I430 hrs I came to Affuleh together with L/Sgt Urile Lehavi and L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel. Upon arrival we went straight to Weindrove's cafe where we had arranged to meet L/Sgt Bermann for the purpose of holding a conference on instructions received recently. As we did not find him in the cafe we proceeded to the offices of the Jewish settlement defence where we found him sitting in the office. L/Sgt Bermann immediately informed us that he had received a message from L/Sgt Shimon Koch of Nahalal stating that a serious fire had broken out in the fields of Ramat David settlement and that he required immediate assistance. As there was very little benzine in the tank I left the office to search for the Jewish agency representative, Mr Gershnerg, who is responsible for the issuing of petrol chits. I eventually found him and collected the required ammount of benzine after which we proceeded to Bajfouria colony to collect the men who were"standing by ", having been informed to do so by L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel whilst I was getting the petrol at the pump. After several minutes at Balfouria colony we headed in the direction of Nazareth as far as the cross roads leading to Nahalal where I turned left towards Ginegar. At a point halfway between Mizra and Ginegar settlements one of the rear tyres of the tender burst causing the car to stagger and bump violently along the road for about 70 to 80 meters. I did not try to use the brakes as I knew that such a move would have been absolutely fatal to all concerned. I did my best to keep the car going as straight as possible but I found that I had practically no control whatsoever of the vehicle, which continued careering down the road for a few more meters after which it swerved violently to the left and beg an to roll . I do not remember anything at all after this. When I came to I was lying on the road . I do not remember who got me out of the car. I sat for several minutes dazed and trying to recollect what had happened when a pick-up belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived and took L/Sgt Bermann together with one or two other men to the hospital. Soon after this another truck belonging to the P.E.C. arrived on the scene and took the remainder of us to the "Emek" hospital at Affuleh.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 138 S.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q & A .

(a) At what speed were you travelling at the time of the accident ?

Between 60 - 70 kilos per hour.

(b) How long have you been driving tenders ?

Almost three years.

(c) Have you ever had any other accidents ?

None at all.

(d) Were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident ?, if so was it damaged.

I was in uniform but it was not damaged.

Read over to the accused and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail.

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

Sheet No. I رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 138/F.

STATEMENT OF No.6I29. T/A/L/Sgt Uriel Lehavi افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Merhavia Kibbutz. الساكن في
מק"ם מגורו

Age 26 العمر Occupation L/Sgt.T.A.P. المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 5.6.40. at II05 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I430 hrs I came to the offices of the Jewish settlement defence at Affuleh together with L/Sgt No.6I32 Shraga Mostvolishker where we met L/Sgt No.6I28 Nahum Bermann who informed us that he had received a telephone message from L/Sgt Shimon Koch of Nahalal stating that a fire had broken out in the fields of Kfar Baruch colony and that he required immediate assistance. We decided to proceed to Nahalal but found that there was insufficient benzine in the car to do so, accordingly L/Sgt Mostvolishker, who was the driver, told us to get on the tender as he was going to look for Mr Gershberg who issues the petrol chits for our cars. We found Mr Gershberg at one of the cafes in the village who returned with us to the office and issued the necessary chits after which we collected the benzine and proceeded to Balfouria colony in order to pick up some men who were waiting there for us. These men had been instructed to "stand by" by L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel who was with us on the tender. He sent the telephone message when we were in Affuleh getting the benzine. After we had collected the men we left the colony and went along the main nazareth road to a point where the road branches left for Nahalal towards which settlement we made. Between Mizra and Ginegar colonies one of the rear tyres burst . The car staggered along the road for about I00 or I20 paces after which it went towards the rihgt hand side of the road and finally swerved violently to the left of the road rolling as it did so. From this point until later when I got up I do not remember anything at all. After a minute or so I got up from near the car and approached each man in turn to ascertain the extent of injuries they had sustained. I noticed that L/Sgt Bermann was lying on the side of the road and that Const Zalman Mendelbrot together with Avshalom Kuriss were also laid out on the road nearby. I approached L/sgt Bermann and asked him where he felt the pains most and he replied" Leave me alone as I'm practically broken to pieces". I did what I could for L/Sgt Bermann and then sent T/A/Const to Ginegar settlement for assistance. Several minutes later a pick-up belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived on the scene and together with the able assistance of the workers who were on the pick-up we managed to get L/Sgt Bermann and Avshalom Kuriss together with Zalman Mendelbrot and Yousef Schwartz on the car. They were then conveyed to the "Emek" hospital .

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-38 138/P.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מק'ם מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Later another truck belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived and took the remaining men to hospital

Q & A

(a) Where were you sitting when the accident occured ?

I was sitting at the back with the other men.

(b) At what speed do you think the car was travelling when the accident occured ?

I think approximately 70 kilos per hour

(c) Do you think that the accident could have been avoided ?

As a licensed driver I do not think it could have possibly avoided.

(d) Were you in uniform at the time of the accident ?

I was in uniform at the time and it was damaged.

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail.

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

Asst. Insp.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-38 138/P.

STATEMENT OF No.6I63. T/A/L/Cpl. Pinhas Koppel. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Kfar Yeladim colony. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 22 العمر Occupation L/Cpl T.A.P المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 6.6.40. at III5 hrs I recoreded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I430 hrs I came to the offices of thwe Jewish settlement defence together with L/Sgt Lehavi and L/Sgt Mostvolishker where we were met by L/Sgt Bermann who informed us that there was a serious crop fire at Kfar Baruch settlement and that he had received a message from L/Sgt Shimon Koch who asked for immediate assistance. I telephoned immediately to Balfouria reserve and told the T/A/Const in charge to stand by together with his men as we were going to call for them and then proceed to Nahalal to deal with the fire. L/Sgt Shraga Mostvolishker, who was driving the car said that he had not sufficient petrol to get us to Kfar Baruch so we decided to go and look for Mr Gershberg who is responsible for the issue of benzine chits to our cars. We eventually found him sat in a cafe near the garage and he returned with us to the office where we received the necessary chits and duly collected the petrol after which we proceeded to Balfouria to collect the remaining personnel who were to go to Kfar Baruch with us. After the men together with wet sacks were loaded on the tender we left the colony and proceeded along the main Nazareth road as far as the cross roads where we branched left and made towards Nahalal. Halfway between Mizra and Ginegar settlements I heard a loud explosion near one of the rear wheels and the car began to lurch and stagger along the road for about fifty to seventy meters when it suddenly swerved to the left and began to roll over. As the tender began to swerve and roll I realized that it was going to turn over so I jumped before it actually rolled, landing in the center of the road. Almost as soon as I landed I got up and noticed that the tender had come to rest in the ditch at the left hand side of the road with it's wheels in the air. It was facing in the opposite direction to which we had been travelling. I saw L/Sgt Bermann lying at the side of the road and several others laid out here and there. I went straight over to the car to ascertain if there was still somebody inside it and, at the same time to switch off the engine which was, as far as I can recollect still running. I then approached L/Sgt Bremann with a view to assisting him but he asked me to leave him alone as he was in great pain. I sent one of the men to Ginegar colony but no sooner had he left than I noticed a car coming along the road towards us. The car which belonged to the Palestine electric corporation pulled up beside me and the workers descended and

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-43 138/E.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מק'ם מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

and took L/Sgt Breman together with several others to the "Emek" hospital. Several minutes later another car belonging to the Palestine elcetric corporation arrived on the scene and took the remaining men to the hospital.

Q & A.

(a) At what speed do you think the car was travelling at the time of the accident ?

About 60 or 65 kilos per hour.

(b) Where were you sitting at the time of the accident or before you jumped ?

I was standing behind the cab on the right hand side of the car at the back.

(c) Can you drive a car ?

Yes I am a driver.

(d) Do you think that the accident could have been avoided ?

I am certain it could not ~~not~~ have been avoided

(e) Have you driven the tender concerned immediately prior to the accident ?

Yes I have driven it on numerous occasions.

(f) In view of your answer to question (e) have any mechanical defects ever come to your notice whilst driving the said pick-up ?

I have not.

(g) Have you any idea what the shade temperature was on the day of the accident i.e. at the time of the accident ?

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 188/S.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מק׳ם מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
דתו עסקיו

Answer to question (g)

I understand that it was somewhere in the region of I27 degrs Fhnt, at the time of the accident.

(h) In view of your answer to question (g) and considering you are a driver, do you think that the temperature had any bearing on the accident

Yes, I am certain the temperature together with the friction of the wheels on the road were responsible for the "blow out" which was the cause of the accident.

(I) Were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident ?

Yes I was in uniform at the time of the accident and my uniform was damaged considerably.

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail.

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

Sheet No. I. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-39 138 P.

STATEMENT OF No.6509. T/A/Const. Eliezer Kuriss افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Balfouria colony. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 22yrs العمر Occupation T/A/Const. المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 4.6.40. at I500 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows:-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I450 hrs I was sitting in the group mobile reserve post at Balfouria colony when L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel arrived together with L/Sgt Shraga Mostvolishker and L/Sgt Uriel Lehavi and instructed me to collect another three or four T/A/Constables and to proceed with him in the tender to the fields of Ramat David colony where a fire had broken out. I collected several sacks with which to extinguish the fire and instructed five of my men to get on the tender, namely T/A/C No.6523 Moshe Tiffenbrunner, T/A/c No.7585 Yousef Schwartz, T/A/C No.7407 Hannan Eik, T/A/C No.6504 Zalman Mendelbrot, T/A/C No.7487 Avsgalom Kuriss I then distributed the wet sacks to each of them after which the tender left the colony en route for Ramat David. We proceeded up the main Nazareth-Affuleh road as far as the cross road that turns off to Nahalal where we turned left along the straight road that passes Nahalal and goes to Haifa. At a point almost a kilometer from Ginegar colony I heard a loud explosion in , or near, one of the near side rear wheels after which the tender began to wobble for at least another fifty meters when the car suddenly swerved towards the left hand side of the road eventually leaving it and turning completely around, by this I mean that thetender so turned about that it was facing in the opposite direction to which we were travelling. The car then struck the bank on the side of the road and turned completely over throwing us all out as it did so. When I eventually got up I noticed that several men were trying to stand up but were unable to do so. I noticed that L/Sgt No.6128 Nahum Bermann was lying at the side of the road and that he appeared to be in a bad way I therefore went towards him to offer him assistance. As I was doing so A car belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived and the workers who were on the car assisted in placing Nahum Bermann, Avshalom Kuriss, Zalman Mendelbrot, and Yousef Schwartz on their car having done so they took them to the "Emek" hospital. Several minutes after this another car belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived and took the remaining wounded men together with myself to the hospital where we were traeted for various injuries

אליעזר קוריס 6509

E. Kuriss. Sgt.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-43 138/P.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מק'ם מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q & A

(a) Who was driving the car at the time of the accident ?

L/Sgt. No.6132 Shraga Mostvolishker.

(b) How fast do you think you were travelling at the time of the accident ?

I am not quite certain but I think we were not travelling at more than 65 kilos per hour.

(c) As the car carride on after the "blow out" for at least another fifty yards or so, do you think that the accident could have been avoided ?

I am not a driver and I cannot answer the question but as I have often been driven by L/Sgt Mostvolishker and know that he is a good and careful driver I do not think it could have been avoided.

(d) Were you in uniform at the time of thhe accident if so was any of it damaged as a result of the accident ?

I was dressed in the regulation dress at the time of the accident but none of my clothing was damaged.

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail

6509 שלישי קלרוס

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence Affuleh.

Asst. Supt.

Sheet No. I. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-8-39 138/E.

STATEMENT OF No.7585. T/A/Const.Yousef Schwartz. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Balfouria colony. الساكن في
מק"מ מגורו

Age 21 العمر Occupation T/A/Const. المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 4.6.40. at I635 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I500 hrs I was instructed by T/A/Const No.6509 Eliezer Kuriss who is in charge of our mobile reserve, to get into uniform and "fall in" at the tender which was waiting outside. I got on the tender and we left Balfouria and proceeded in the direction of Ginegar. Whilst driving along the road between Mizra and Ginegar colonies I heard a loud explosion after which the tender began to wobble all over the road for about fifty meters finally swerving to the left and rolling several times before coming to rest, facing the opposite direction to which we had been travelling, against the bank on the left hand side of the road. When the car rolled for the first time I was thrown clear and landed near the center of the road. When I got up I noticed that most of the men were on their feet with the exception of L/Sgt Bermann who was lying at the side of the road saying he was about to die. I then went to see if I could offer any assistance to the others who were injured when a car belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived and took some of the men, including myself, to the "Emek" hospital where we were treated for our wounds.

Q & A.

(a) At what speed do you think the car was travelling when the accident occured ?

Between 60-70 kilos perhour.

(b) Before the accident occured did it occur to you that the driver was driving recklessly ?

No. I considered him very steady.

(c) Were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident, if so, was your uniform damaged ?

I was dressed in overalls at the time and they were badly damaged.

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail

7585 Pte Lou

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

Asst. Supt.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-37 138/S.

STATEMENT OF T/A/Const. No.6523 Moshe Tiffenbrunner اقدة
הודעתו של

Residing at Balfouria colony. الساكن في
מק"מ מגורו

Age 20. العمر Occupation T/A/Const. المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקו דתו

On 4.6.40. at I555 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I500 hrs L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel together with L/Sgt Shraga Mostvolishker and L/Sgt Uriel Lehavi arrived at the mobile reserve post at Balfouria colony and entered into conversation with T/A/Const. No.6509 Eliezer Kuriss who is the constable in charge of the mobile reserve. Several minutes later I was instructed by T/A/Const Kuriss to get into uniform immediately and "fallin" near the tender which was waiting outside. When I arrived at the tender there were there were several men already in position, namely, T/A/Const. No.6509 Eliezer Kuriss, L/Cpl No.6I63 Pinhas Koppel, T/A/Const. No.7487 Avshalom Kuriss, T/A/Const. No.7585 Yousef Schwartz. L/Sgt, No.6I32 Shraga Mostvolishker was sat at the driving wheel and L/Sgt No.6I29 Uriel Lehavi was sat next to him. We then left the colony and proceeded along the Affuleh-Nahalal Haifa road. When almost a kilometer or two from Ginegar colony I heard an explosion which I knew to be a "blow out". The tender immediately began to wobble and zig-zag down the road for about fifty meters or so after which the tender gave a terrific lurch towards the left hand side of the road and began to roll over. As the car commenced the first roll all the men who were sitting on the back were thrown clear and scattered in various directions. I was thrown into the middle of the road where I lay for some time before getting up. When I first got up I noticed men lying all over the road and I immediately went to the assistance of L/Sgt No.6I28 Nahum Bermann who was calling for help. As I considered him in a bad state and realizing that I alone could not help him I stood by him for some minutes when a car belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived on the scene and took him together with Schwartz, Avshalom Kuriss, and Zalman Mendelbrot to the "Emek" hospital at Affuleh. A short while after this another truck belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived and took the rest of us to the hospital.

משה טיפנברונר
6523

Q & A.

(a) Can you drive a car ?

Yes. I ak a licensed driver. I have been driving since November.

(b) At what speed would you estimate that the car was travelling at the time of the accident ?

Approximately 70 kilos per hour

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-93 138 P.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q & A

(c) Do you think that if the driver had applied his brakes the accident could have been avoided ?

No. The use of brakes would have only made matters worse as the car was practically out of control due to the flat tyre which had blown out.

(d) Were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident, if so was your uniform in any way damaged ?

I was dressed in overalls at the time and they sustained considerable damage.

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail

6523 משה זילברמן

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

(Witness now states that he is not certain who was sitting beside the driver.)

G. Lawrence Capt. A.S.W. Affuleh.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-37 138 P.

STATEMENT OF No; 7407. T/A/const. Hannan Eik. افادة

הודעתו של

Residing at Balfouria colony. الساكن في

מקום מגורו

Age 20. العمر Occupation T/A/Const. المهنة Religion Jew المذهب

גילו עסקיו דתו

On 5.6.40. at I000 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40. at approximately I445 jrs I overheard T/A/Const No.6504 Zalman Mendelbrot telling T/A/const Eliezer Kuriss that he had received a telephone message from L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel who was in Affuleh to the effect that the men belonging to Balfouria mobile reserve were not to leave the settlement as they were required for a "turn out". At about I500 hrs I was instructed by T/A/Const Eliezer Kuriss to get into uniform and go outside to where a tender was waiting for us. I got dressed and went outside to where the tender was waiting. I cannot remember if there was anyone on the tender. I got on the tender and a few minutes later several other men including, T/A/Const Eliezer Kuriss, L/Cpl Pinhas Koppel, T/A/Const Moshe Tiffenbrunner, T/A/Const Yousef Schwartz, T/A/Const Avshalom Kuriss, T/A/Const Zalman Mendelbrot, and L/Sgt Uriel Lehavi, arrived and got onthe tender beside me. A few minutes after this we left the settlement and drove along the Nazareth road as far as the road which turns off to Nahalal. Whilst about a kilometer from Ginegar colony I heard an explosion near one of the rear wheels after which the car began to zig-zag along the road for about fifty to sixty meters the tender then swerved to the left hand side of the road rolling over as it did so. I was thrown clear the first time the car rolled and landed naer the ditch. I was not badly injured and managed to get up immediately after I had fallen. When I got up I saw the tender roll over again and come to a stand still upside down, i.e. with the wheels in the air, facing in the opposite direction to that which we had been travelling in. I noticed several men standing on their feet and two or three others lying on the ground, amongst them was L/Sgt Nahum Bermann who was lying at the side of the road and I noticed that he was in a very bad condition but I did not go to his assistance as others were already there and I wished to assist those who were not being attended. As I approached towards T/A/Const Zalman Mendelbrot, who was lying on the road, a pick-up belonging to the Palestine electric corporation arrived on the scene. The workers got out of the pick-up and righted our tender by pushing it towards the road thus putting it back on it's four wheels. After this the workers took four of the wounded men to the "Emek" hospital. L/Sgt Bermann was amongst those taken. Almost immediately afterwards another car belonging to the P.E.C. arrived and took the rest of us to the hospital where we were traeted.

7407

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-33 138/F.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מק"ם מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q & A .

(a) When you saw the tender overturn for the second time did you notice if L/Sgt Bermann was still clinging to it ?

When I saw the tender overturn I did not notice anyone on it.

(b) At what speed would you say that the tender was travelling at the time of the accident ?

I'm not certain but I would say between 60-70 kilos perhour.

(c)Did the driver appear to be reckless prior to to the accident ?

I considered him very steady.

(d) Do you think that the accident could have been avoided ?

I am not a driver but I consider it extremely unlikely.

(e) were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident ?, if so was your uniform in any way damaged ?

I was dressed in overalls at the time and they were damaged.

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence offices, Affuleh.

Asst. Supt.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 138 S.

STATEMENT OF No. 6487. Avshalom Kuriss. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Balfouria colony. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age I9 العمر גילו Occupation T/A/Const. المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew. الذهب דתו

On 7.6.40 at I030 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows :-

On 2.6.40 at approximately I5I0 hrs I was ordered by T/A/Const Eliezer Kuriss, who is in charge of the Balfouria mobile reserve, to get on to a tender which was waiting to convey us to Ramat David colony to deal with a crop fire which had broken out in the fields there. I got on the tender and was followed by several more men after which we left the settlement and headed towards Nazareth. At the cross roads we turned left towards Nahalal. Halfway between Mizra and Ginegar colonies I heard an explosion and the tender began to swerve and bump along the road for about 60 to 80 meters finally lurching violently to the left side of the road. As the tender began to go the to the left it started to roll over and I was thrown clear and landed on on the road. I got up and tried to walk but found that I was unable to do so. I can only remember faintly what happened after this. I recollect being put in a car and taken somewhere. When I began felt somewhat better I realized that I was at the "Emek" hospital together with several other wounded men.

Q & A .

(a) Where were you sitting at the time of the accident ?

I was sat at the rear on the left hand side.

(b) How fast was the car travelling at the time of the accident ?

60 or 70 kilos per hour.

(c) Who was driving the car ?

L/Sgt Shraga Mostvolishker.

6487 אבשלום קוריס

(d) Were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident ?, if so, was it in any way damaged ?

I was in uniform at the time and it was badly damaged.

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-33 138 S.

STATEMENT OF ..... افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at ..... الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age ..... العمر Occupation ..... المهنة Religion ..... المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail.

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

Sheet No. I رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-35 138 S.

STATEMENT OF No.6504. T/A/Const. Zalman Mendelbrot افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Balfouria colony. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 24 العمر Occupation T/A/Const. المهنة Religion Jew. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On 7.6.40 at I0I5 hrs I recorded the statement of the above named person which is as follows.

On 2.6.40 at approximately I500 hrs I was instructed by T/A/Const Eliezer Kuriss to get on a tender which was waiting to take us to Ramat David colony where a serious crop fire was raging. I got on the tender and sat on the back. Several minutes later when all the men were present we left the colony and proceeded along the Nazareth road as far as the cross roads where we branched left and headed for Nahalal settlement. At a point almost halfway between Mizra and Ginegar colonies I heard a loud explosion near one of the rear wheels after which the car began to stagger along the road for about 60 meters. The tender then swerved to the left hand side of the road and began to roll over throwing me out as it did so. I landed on the road and cannot remember anything of what might have happened after this. When I came to I was at the "Emek" hospital being treated.

Q & A. (a) At what speed do you think the tender was travelling at the time of the accident ?

60 or 70 kilos perhour.

(b) were you dressed in uniform at the time of the accident ?, if so, was your uniform damaged ?

I was dressed in overalls and they were badly damaged.

6504 זלמן מנדלברוט

Read over to the witness and certified by him to be true and correct in every detail.

Recorded by me at the offices of the Jewish settlement defence, Affuleh.

Z. Mendelbrot. Asst. Supt. of P.

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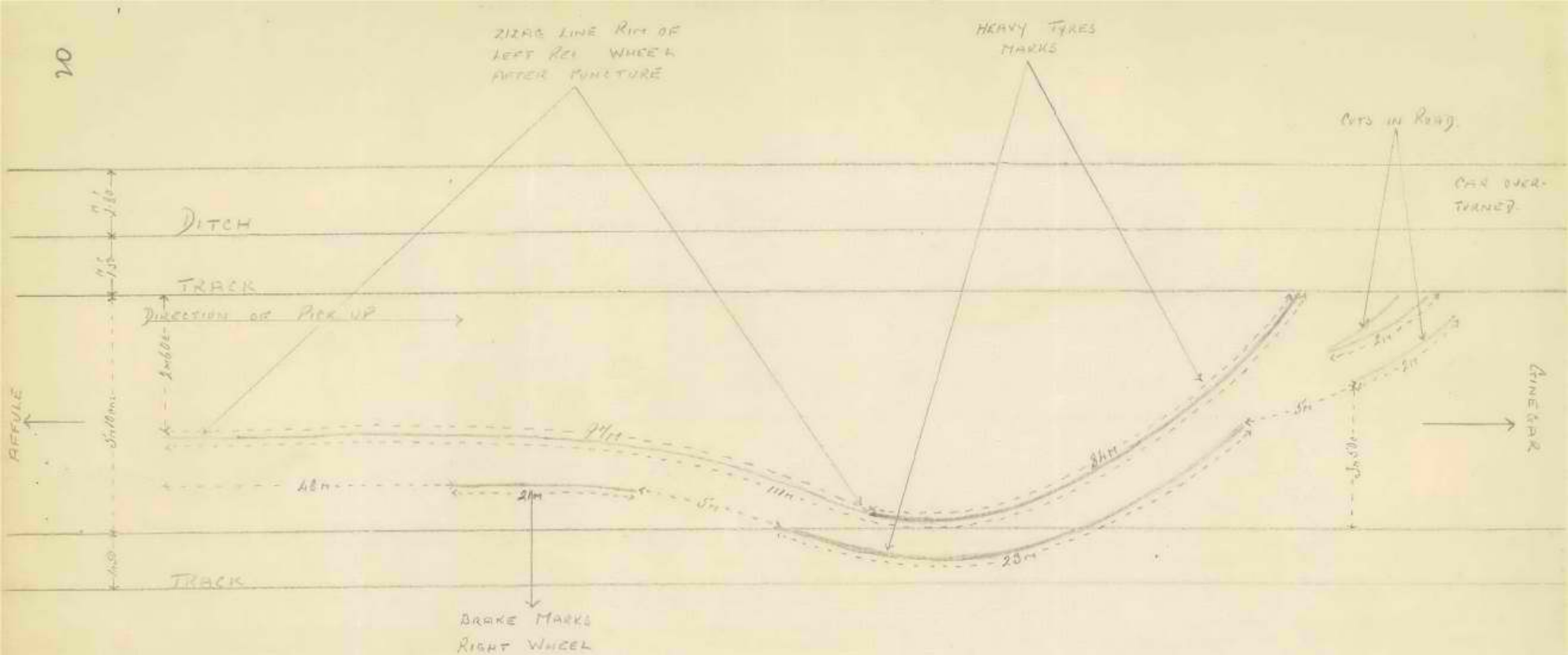

SCENE OF ACCIDENT 2.6 KG.

GINEGAR – NAHALAL ROAD.

IMPOSSIBLE TO TEST VEH OWING TO DAMAGE

TRAFFIC OFFICER,
Nazareth District.

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Approved.

(sgd) M. S. O'Rorke

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

JUL 1940

STY'S SERVICE.

GPP. 192—300,000—11-1-36—

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A. S. P.

G.6/47/40.

P. 179.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CONVENING ORDER — COURT OF INQUIRY.

A court of inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at a place, date and time appointed by the president, for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the circumstances under which No.6128 L/Sgt. Nahum Berman was seriously injured and died in the Affula Hospital at 20.45 hrs. on 2.6.1940, and to report whether such death occurred :-

1) In the execution of his duty.

ii) Without his own default.

iii) On account of circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale,

Appointment A.S.P. - J.S.D.

MEMBERS

Mr. J. Matheson,

R/Insp. J.S.D. , Affula.

2. The proceedings will be submitted, in original, to the convening authority, together with the convening order, and all other requisite documents.

Place Nazareth.

Date 7th. June, 1940.

Signature.

D. D. S. P. Appointment.
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

GPP. 8194 —2000—5.6.39

25/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 14th July, 1940.

Sir,

I am directed by the Inspector General of Police to inform you that under Section 47 of the Police Ordinance awards are only payable to the widow and minor children of a deceased member of the Force and to his mother if she is wholly dependent on him for her support.

2. On the pension form 'B' completed by you, it is stated that your wife was partly dependent on her late son. In the circumstances it is regretted that she is not entitled to an award under the provisions of the Police Ordinance.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Mr. Ben Zion Berman
Batim Meshutafim
Barzelai Street
Hadar Hacarmel,
H a i f a.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE. F. 1

RECEIPT VOUCHER - (REVENUE)

No. .....
(To be inserted by Sub-Accountant)

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(The above spaces are to be filled in by the Sub-Accountant)

To the Sub-Accountant

Station Liberias.

Please receive the sum of ---------- Palestine Pounds
Three Hundred and Eighty Six ---------- mils, being
Cost of stores and repair of damaging to Government property collected from No.7894 Ex-Temporary Additional Constable Alexander Wessely.
(Reference Force Orders No.17/40 dated 4th May,1940)

Description of payment .....

O. 386
LP. ..... mils
16. 5. 1940.
Date 193

Signature or Mark of payer { A.S.P., J.S.D., NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Witness to Mark .....

Note:— The person making this payment is to be given a receipt from a book of numbered receipts and is requested to sign the counterfoil in the book.

In the filling up the amount in words in the space provided for the purpose, care should be taken to write the words close up to the left, the remainder of the space (if any) being ruled through with an ink line.

GPP. 187—75,000—11-1-36—21/8.

THE PALESTINE POLICE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
No. P.62/3722.

Dvar. Further information. H. Ben 16/7/40

HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
JERUSALEM.

11th July, 1940.

Jewish Settlement Defence,
Tiberias.

Subject:- Pension - Mother of No.6128 the late T/A/Const. Nahoum Berman.

Reference:- Your 25/JSD/G dated 5-6-1940.

Please inform the father of the above-named late T/A/Const. that under Section 47 of the Police Ordinance awards are only payable to the widow and minor children of a deceased member of the Force and to his mother if she was wholly dependent on him for her support.

2. On the pension form B completed by the father of the deceased, it is stated that the mother was partly dependent on her late son. In the circumstances it is regretted that she is not entitled to an award under the provisions of the Police Ordinance.

Asst. Superintendent of Police
13. JUL. 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

To M. O. Kenneth

The following persons are sent you for (A) Examination as to fitness for duty

Place Ayrfield Signature

Date 6/8/40 Department

GPP. 101—500 Bks.—26-10-38—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
7402	Hanan Haik	T/S/P cons	20 Syrian	Johnsons over Rt knuckle and left elbow.	Ex-D for four days as from 2-6-40

Place Bowral

Date 7/8/40.

Signature of M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

1. This form must be signed by a Senior Official under whom the persons sent for medical examination are serving.
2. The Official signing must fill in the request for examination at the top of the form and the Column "No" "Name" "Grade & Department" and "Age & Sex" (A) State whether for "treatment" "examination as to fitness for duty." "Medical Boarding for sick leave" etc.
3. The form is to be sent to the Medical Officer in duplicate. He will fill in particulars of "disease" and disposal of case" and retain one copy, returning the other to the official who signed.
   The Medical Officer will state "Duty" "Excused Duty ..... hours" "Admitted to Hospital" finding of Medical Board etc.

O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

Bureau de la chasse
6 - JUL 1940
No. 7 Aircraft Company, U.S.A.F.
NAZARETH

To M. O. Nazareth

The following persons are sent you for (A) Examination for duty

Place Nazareth Signature

Date 6 July 40 Department

GPP. 101—500 Bks.—26-10-25—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6129	Uriel Levy	T/Sgt	26	1) Wounds in the scalp	Ex-D for 8 days followed by 4 days LD as from 2-6-40

Place Nazareth

Date 2/6/40

Signature of M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

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O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

To M. O. Nazareth

The following persons are sent you for (A) Examination re fitness for duty

Place Affula Signature

Date 6/6/40 Department

GPP, 101—500 Bks.—26-10-35—11/S.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6163	Pindras Kopel	T/S/P 4/cpl 6163	22 M	1) Abrasions over Rt. arm at both knees.	Recommend eight days rest— as from— 2.6.40.

Place Nazareth

Date 7/6/40

Signature of M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

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O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

To M. O., Kasama

The following persons are sent you for (A) Examination and fitness for duty

Place Kasama Signature

Date 7/6/40 Department

GPP. 101—500 Bks.—26-10-39—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6132	Shaya Mastrakisha	T/A/P Sgt 6132	26	Wound in the scalp & concussion	Ex-D for 8 days as from 2.6.40 followed by four days L-D.

Place Kasama

Date 7/6/40

Signature of M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

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O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

British Inspector in charge
6 - JUL 1940
Signature
Department

To M. O. Kasset

The following persons are sent you for (A)

Place Mena Office

Date

GPP. 101—500 Bks.—26-10-35—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6504	Zalman Mendelbaut	T/S/P Cons 6504	24 M	Wound left Popliteal fossa	Ex-D for 10 days followed by 7 days L-Duty 2/6/40

Place Kasset

Date 7/6/40.

Signature of M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

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   The Medical Officer will state "Duty" "Excused Duty ..... hours" "Admitted to Hospital" finding of Medical Board etc.

O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

British Inspector in charge
6 JUN 1940
P.S.P.
HAZLERTH

To M. O. Nazareth

The following persons are sent you for (A) Examination and fitting Duty

Place Upper Galilee ..... Signature

Date 6th June ..... Department

GPP. 101—500 Blks.—26-10-35—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6457	Bartholomew Kuses	T/S/P cons 6457	19 M	R. groin left knee 2) abrasions hemorrhoids left leg	Ex — D for ten days Fullness of face D-D on Exam 7-6-40.

Place Nazareth

Date 17/6/40

Signature of M.O.

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O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

To M. O. Lazareth

The following persons are sent you for (A) examination and fitness for duty.

Place Nyasaland Signature

Date 7/6/40 Department

GPP. 101—500 Bks.—26-10-35—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
7555	Yusef Shrastz	T/A/P cons. 7555	21	Superficial wounds of the face.	Recommend 8 days E.D. followed by light duty 2 days L-D. 9/6/40.

Place Nyasaland

Date 7.6.40.

Signature of M.O.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING MEDICAL REPORTS.

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O. M. 70

British Inspector in charge
- JUN 1940
No. 7 Stores Company, L. S. P.
NAZARETH

MEDICAL REPORT

To M. O. Nazareth

The following persons are sent you for (A) examination and report as to duty

Place Office ..... Signature

Date 6/6/40 ..... Department

GPP. 101—500 Bks.—26-10-35—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6523	Moshe Tifenbaum	T/A/P 6523	20	Abrasions in both elbows and Rt forearm	Ex D for five days as from 2/6/40.

Place Nazareth

Date 7/6/40.

Signature of M.O.

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O. M. 70

MEDICAL REPORT

British Inspector to Chiefs
1 - DEC 1948
No. 7 Israel Company, R.C.T.
NAZARETH

To M. O. Nazareth

The following persons are sent you for (A) examination and fitness for duty

Place Nazareth Signature

Date 1/12/48 Department

GPP. 101—500 Blks.—26-10-38—11/8.

No.	Name	Grade and Department	Age & Sex	Disease	Disposal of case
6509	Eliezer Kusos	T/A/P Cons 6509	22 Mal	Severe abrasions over knuckles of both hands	2x - D for. five days.

Place Nazareth

Date 7/12/48.

Signature of M.O.

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25/J.S.D/G.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 27th June, 1940.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry -
Death of No.6128 L/Sgt.
Nahum Berman.

Herewith proceedings of Court of Inquiry, together with forms P.F.35 and Pension form "B" in quadruplicate duly ~~x~~ completed.

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Copy to :-
Inspector General.

H.Q. No.7. Jizreel Coy.
Affuleh,
17.6.40.

A.S.P. - J.S.P.
Tiberias.

Sub:-Kit damaged in the accident on the 2.6.40.

L/Sgt. 6129 Uriel Lehavi - 1 slouch hat, 1 shirt, 1 pair of shorts.
L/Cpl. 6163 Pinhas Kopel - 1 shirt, 1 pair of puttees, 1 pair of shorts
Const. 6523 Moshe Tifenbruner - 1 Overall.
" 7585 Yoseph Shwartz - 1 Overall.
" 7407 Hanan Eik - 1 Overall.
" 6504 Zalman Mandelbrot - 1 Overall.
" 6487 Avshalom Kouris - 1 shirt.
Late L/Sgt. 6128 Nahum Birman - 1 shirt, 1 pair of shorts, 1 pair boots ankle No.4.

M. Langbaum Cpl. i/c Coy.
No.7. Jizreel.

Assl. Superintendent of Police
17. JUN. 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Affula
on the 26th day of June, 1940
by order of the D.D.S.P., Nazareth
vide convening order dated the 7th day of June, 1940.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale

Appointment A/A. S. P.

MEMBERS

Asst. Inspector Matheson J.F.

At 10 o'clock A.M. the inquiry commences.

At 6.30 P.M. the inquiry finished.

GPP. 1920—2000—30.7.36

[redacted]

תעודה

בירמן נחום הובא במצב של .....קשה ביום 2 ליוני ש.ז. בבדיקה מצאנו פצעים עמוקים בעקב הרגל והמרפק מצד שמאלי - שבר של שתי עצמות האמה, שבר ונקיעה של עצם הזרוע השמאלית. שבריח רבים של עצמות האגן. שברי הצלעות מצד שמאל של החזה. מות פתאומי בשעה הטפול כתוצאה של הפסקת פעולת הלב והנשימה.

בכבוד רב

ד"ר מנדרסהויזן

Certificate.

Nahaum Birman was brought to the Hospital in a state of a severe shock on the 2nd June 1940. On examination we found deep wounds in the heel and in the joint on the left side, fracture of both bones of the forearm fracture and dislocation of the left elna, several actues of the pelvis, fractured ribs on the left side of the chest.

Sudden death during the treatment as a result of stoppage of the function of the heart and respiation.

(-) Dr. Mendershausen.

Abs.

Photosprint

Abbildung.

Johann Hermann was brought to the hospital in a state of a severe attack on the 2nd March 1940. The examination we learned deep wounds on the skull bone in the parietal on the left side, fractures of both bones of the forearm, fractures and dislocations of the left shoulder joint of the pelvis, fractured ribs on the left side of the chest.

Incident clearly showing the treatment as a result of stepping of the functions of the vital and important.

(-) i.v. Transfusionen.

P. 375.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

ROAD ACCIDENT REPORT.

Report serial number _____ Traffic Office Jaffa District.

Date and time of accident 6.30 hrs 2-6-40 Date and time reported _____

By whom reported _____

Time police arrived at place of occurrence _____ Place of occurrence Ganger - Salalat Road.

Weather conditions, condition of road, and visibility at time of occurrence Good. Asphalt & dry - visibility good

Register serial number of Register of Road Accidents _____ Register serial number of Charge Register (Contraventions-Road Transport Ordinances).

ister serial number of Charge Register (If criminal proceedings are instituted) _____ Police Station area in which accident occurred Jaffa

1. Particulars of vehicles, animals, etc., involved in the accident (Identification numbers and types of vehicles to be included.)

Ford v.s. 1 ton lorry J 5 D Jaffa

2. Particulars of drivers of vehicles, animals, etc.

	Name	Address	Registered number, number of Driving Licence, and office of issue. If licence is not in order, record full particulars in this column	Whether driver of motor vehicle, animal, hand cart, etc.
1)	Sgt Shuja Abdulkader	1 ton lorry J 5 D Jaffa		M V
2)				
3)				
4)				

3. Particulars of allegations of negligence, dangerous driving, mechanical defects, etc. made immediately after the accident occurred

4. Particulars of witnesses

	Full name (If police, number and rank will be stated)	Address
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		

P.T.O.

25753—10,000—2.8.35—A.P.

5. Particulars of persons involved in the accident

Name	Age	Religion	Sex	Nationality	Address	If injured, state whether injuries are serious or otherwise	Remarks
1) Sgt Sahm		J	M	J	Loy J.S.D	Fatal	
2) Simon					Offab		
3)							
4)							
4)							
6)							
7)							
8)							

6. *Brief particulars of injuries sustained by persons involved in the accident, and whether they were occupants of vehicles or otherwise

Fatal injuries

7. Brief particulars of damage to property, other than damage to the vehicles involved in the accident

8. Brief particulars of injuries sustained by animals involved in the accident

9. Particulars of police action
   a) Whether, as a result of preliminary enquiries, it is proposed to institute proceedings
   b) Whether any person concerned with the accident was taken into custody: If so, state name of person, and reason for affecting arrest

10. Summary of accident (To include particulars of damage sustained by vehicles involved in the accident)

Burst left rear tyre causing vehicle to swerve
According to condition of road & visibility the
vehicle must have been travelling @ in
excess of 60 KPH. No speed laid down by
law. Damage to vehicle attached

Place Nazareth.

Date 3-6-70.

Signature.

TRAFFIC OFFICER,
Nazareth District.

* To include particulars of first aid rendered by police.
N.B. A sketch plan of the scene of the accident should be annexed to this report.

Traffic Office
Nazareth
3.6.40

Station Officer
Loffuli

Subject:- Road Accident on 2.6.40
Ginegar - Kabalat Road.

The following is the damage to
J.S.P's vehicle involved in the above
accident:-

Left mudguard - left side top dented
Right mudguard - right side dented
Radiator casing & Hook damaged
Head lamps smashed
Radiator stays bent
Windscreen splintered
Cabin roof dented in middle & dented at
back corners
Left side running board bent
Bonnet top damaged
Right door paint work scratched
Rim right rear wheel dented in places
Mudguard right rear wheel dented slightly
Front of cabin pushed back.

Police Sgt.

TRAFFIC OFFICER,
Nazareth District.

S U M M A R Y.

At about 1400 hours on the 2nd June, 1940, No.6128 L/Sgt. Nahum Berman was in the Jewish Settlement Police Office at Affula when he received a telephone message from L/Sgt. Shimon Koch of Nahalal to the effect that a serious crop fire had broken out in the fields of Ramat David Settlement, and that he required immediate assistance. L/Cpl. Koppel who had arrived at the office with L/Sgt. Lehavi for a conference, immediately phoned up Balfouria Colony and instructed a party of men to stand by until his arrival to pick them up by car. After filling up with benzine at Affula, L/Sergeants Berman and Lehavi and L/Cpl. Koppel left in a Chevrolet Pick-Up driven by L/Sgt. Mostvilesker for Balfouria Colony where they picked up a party of Jewish Settlement Police. The party then proceeded in the direction of Nazareth as far as the cross roads leading to Nahalal where they turned left towards Ginegar. At a point halfway between Mizra and Ginegar Settlements one of the rear tyres of the Pick-Up burst causing the vehicle to stagger and bump violently along the road for about 70 to 80 metres. The driver states he did not use the brakes as he thought such a move would be fatal to all concerned. The driver did his best to keep the car going as straight as possible but found that he had practically no control whatsoever of the vehicle which continued down the road for a few more metres after which it swerved violently to the left and overturned in a ditch, throwing the occupants into the road. The personnel received minor injuries with the exception of L/Sgt. Nahum Berman who was suffering from fractures of the arm, legs, pelvis and ribs. A Pick-Up belonging to the Palestine Electric Corporation arrived on the scene shortly

afterwards and conveyed L/Sgt. Berman and two Constables to the Emek Hospital at Affula. Soon after this another truck arrived and took the remainder of the men to Hospital. Despite all available medical assistance L/Sgt. Berman succumbed to his injuries at 20.30 hours.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Court find that No.6128 L/Sgt. Nahum Berman died of injuries sustained on the 2nd June,1940, when the Pick-Up in which he and a party of Jewish Settlement Police were travelling, overturned near Ginegar Settlement whilst proceeding to the scene of a very serious fire at Ramat-David Colony, and that his death occurred :-

(a) In the execution of his duty.
(b) Without his own default.
(c) On account of the circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties.

2. The Court recommend that the following clothing and equipment on charge to personnel involved in the accident and rendered unserviceable, be written off as a charge against the public :-

Hats, Slouch, Khaki	1
Shirts K.D., Pairs	4
Shorts K.D., Pairs	3
Overalls,combination brown, Pairs	4
Boots, Ankle No.4, Pairs	1
Puttees, serge, Khaki, Pairs	1

PRESIDENT G. Kingsmill A. S. P.

MEMBER Sgd/ L.E.A. Pulle Asst. Insp.

26th June, 1940.

אל משרד שיכון עולים בתל אביב

תל אביב

בנידון: הודעה על משרה שפנתה אלינו אודות אחד מהעולים

ברצוני להודיעכם כי ביום 2.6.40 בשעה 17:00 הודיעה לי גברת בלוך
מרחוב [illegible] שאחד מבניה הגיע לארץ לפני שלושה חודשים
ומאז הוא מחפש עבודה. שאלתי אותה לגבי השכלתו והיא
השיבה שהוא למד בבית הספר התיכון בעיר [illegible] ואחר כך
למד בבית ספר לרפואה - שלושה חודשים לפני סיום הלימודים.
אמנם לא סיים ולא קיבל תעודה - אך אחותו הבטיחה לשלוח
לי אישור לכך. לדבריה סיים. ובאמת הבחורה שלחה
תעודה לפני כמה ימים. כמו כן הודיעה לי הגברת בלוך
כי בנה [illegible] 1940

To . J. S. P. Office

Affulch

Subject: Information given by Affulch Police to Inspector Matheson.

On Sunday, 2.6.40 at 17.30 hours I was informed by a member of the settlement, Baruch Reicher, (who was on telephone duty) that he received a telephone massage for me from Affulch Police Station requesting me to see at once Inspector Matheson who, with Cpl. Moshe Langbourd, was at the place where an accident happened to a tender near Ganigar; I was to tell the Inspector that he was not to wait for Sgt. Gibbs who was engaged elsewhere and could'nt come to the place of accident. I went to the spot on horseback and delivered this message to Inspector Matheson. The Inspector and Cpl. Langbourd returned to Affulch.

Sgd. Cpl. Yehiam Leopold

J.S.P. 6140

Passed to A.S.P. 6.6.40

To .

British Inspector Mr. Matheson.

i/c of T.S.P. Jigrel Coy No 7.

Sir,

On Sunday, 2.6.40 at 15.20 hours P.P. Constable No. 1127 Eliyahu Agai came to my house and informed me that Inspector Matheson is waiting for me at the Affula Police Station. I went there together with the above const. I arrived at the Station at 15.30 hours app. and I found here two constables, No. 1853 Shmuel Grosgold and No. 2087 Itzhak Wadmon. Const. Grosgold told me that I was to go at once to No. 42, i.e. to the T.S.P. Office where Mr. Matheson was, because an accident happened to a T.S.P. tender which overturned and many were wounded one of them seriously, the accident having taken place while the tender went to assist in combating a fire in the fields. I went at once to the office where I learned that the information given me by the Constable was correct.

This report for your information.

Respectfully

Sgt. Mishe Langbord

Gl. No. 1163

Remark.

Const. Eliyahu Agai was the available on duty at the Station.

Affula — 4.6.40

ירושלים, ד' סיון תש"ב
4/6/42

לכבוד
מר ש. בן-ציון
ירושלים

אדוני,

בהמשך לשיחתנו בשלשה בחודש זה, מס' 4/6/42, הריני מתכבד להודיעך, כי הוחלט לקבל את הצעתך ולהעסיק את בנך, מר יוסף בן-ציון, בתור מורה לעברית בבתי-הספר שלנו.

בכבוד רב,

[illegible]

6.6.42

P.87/8255.

HEADQUARTERS
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE
JERUSALEM.

12th October, 1940.

Nazareth.

Subject:- Court of inquiry - 8255 T.A.Constable Shmuel Kafri.

Reference:- Your G.6/81/40 dated 2.10.40.

The findings of the Board into the attempted suicide of the above named are approved.

2. Statements of evidence are returned herewith.

(Sgd) M. S. O'ROURKE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Copy to:-
J.S.P. Tiberias.

SZ/MK.

I N D E X.

Folio.	
1	Convening Order.
2	Proceedings.
3	Summary and Findings.
4	Statement of No.7447 T/A/Constable Eliezer Sternman.
5- 6	Statement of No.8255 T/A/Constable Shmuel Kafri.
7	Medical Report.
8	Translation of Medical Report.

S U M M A R Y.

At 6.30 a.m. on the 14th September,1940, No.8255 Temporary Additional Constable Shmuel Kafri of Areeda Settlement who was undergoing medical treatment at Akiva Colony, reported to Temporary Additional Constable Sternman who is in charge of Jewish Settlement Police there and applied for the issue of a licensed revolver as he intended to accompany other members of the Settlement on a walk to Kfar Myeem. Constable Sternman issued Kafri with a licensed revolver and recorded particulars in the Post Diary. Some minutes later Sternman heard a shot in the direction of the Settlement wash house. He immediately hurried to the place and discovered Kafri lying on the floor of the wash house with blood streaming from a wound slightly below the breast bone on the left side and the revolver which he had issued to him some minutes before lying by his side. Sternman called for assistance and the injured man was immediately removed from the wash house and his injury dressed. The injured man was later conveyed in the Settlement truck to the Emek Hospital Affuleh where he was detained.

He was discharged the Emek Hospital on 22nd September, 1940.

F I N D I N G.

The Court having carefully perused the evidence placed before it find that No.8255 Temporary Additional Constable Shmuel Kafri shot and wounded himself at about 06.45 hrs. on the 14th September,1940, at Akiva Settlement where he was undergoing medical treatment, and that the injury was caused :-

(i) Not in the execution of his duty.
(ii) With his own default.
(iii) Not on account of circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties.

(P.T.O.)

2. Temporary Additional Constable Shmuel Kafri was dismissed the Force on the 21st September, 1940, under Section 7 (3) of the Police Ordinance, as unfitted to perform the duties of a Police Officer. Letter No.P.87/8255 dated 21. 9. 1940 from Inspector General refers.

PRESIDENT _____

MEMBER _____

Tiberias,
1st October,1940.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Divisional Police Headquarters Tiberias. on the 1st October, 1940 day of 193 .
by order of the D.S.P. Nazareth
vide convening order dated the 16th day of September, 1940 .

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale.

Appointment A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.

MEMBERS

British Inspector S.E.A. Pitt

J. S. D. Tiberias.

At 10 o'clock A.M. the inquiry commences.

GPP. 1320—2000—20.7.36

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

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GPP. 1320—2000—20.7.36

G.6/81/40 Dist. Police H.Qrs,
Nazareth, 25.9.40,

A.S.P. - J.S.D.,
Tiberias.,

Subject :- Attempt to commit suicide - No. 8255 T/A/C Shmuel Kafri,
Reference:- Your W/T JSD/G/35 of 15.9.40 and my C.O. dated 16.9.40,

Please expedite proceedings forthwith.

D. S. P.,

Gen. 8A.

:STY'S SERVICE

P.87/8255. Jerusalem, 21st September, 1940.

57A

J.S.P.
NAZARETH.

Subject :- Attempted Suicide - No.8255
T/A/Const. Shmuel Kafri,
J.S.P. Areeda Settlement.

Reference:- Your No.J.S.D/G/14 of
16. 9. 1940.

I am to direct that this Constable should be dismissed the Force immediately under Section 7 (3) of Police Ordinance, as unfitted to perform the duties of a Police Officer.

(Sgd.) M. S. O'Rorke.
For INSPECTOR GENERAL.

J.S.D/G/14. JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFF
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 26th September, 1940.

B/Sgt. Taylor.

Subject :- Above.

For information and compliance.

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

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HEADQUARTERS,
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE,
JERUSALEM.

P.87/8255 21st September, 1940.

Assistant Superintendent of Police
25 SEP 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

J.S.P.
NAZARETH.

Subject:- Attempted Suicide - No.8255 T/A/Constable Shmuel Kafri, J.S.P. Areeda Settlement.

Reference:- Your No.JSD/G/14 of 16.9.40.

I am to direct that this constable should be dismissed immediately under Section 7(3) of Police Ordinance, as unfitted to perform the duties of a police officer.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Copy to:- Nazareth.

(Translation).

Shmuel Kafri of Akiva was brought to the Hospital on the 14.9.40 in the morning. He was wounded by a shot in his left shoulder. We found that the bullet enterd slightly below the brest bone and came out from near the shoulder bone without touching important nerves.

The wounded is in a good position now and will leave the hospital in a few days.

(-) Dr. Mendershauzen.

Shmuel Kafri was discharged from Hospital on 22.9.40.

J.S.D/G/14. JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 18th September, 1940

5/41

INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Subject :- Attempted Suicide - No.8255 Temporary Additional Constable Shmuel Kafri J.S.P. Arreeda settlement.

Reference :- My letter of even number dated 16.9.40.

I beg to apply for the suspension from duty of the above named Constable.

(Sgd) F. MOSEDALE

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Copy to :- Nazareth.

P. 142.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

Serial No. .....

MESSAGE FORM.

GPP. 207—500 Pds. 10-1-36—23/8.

Date stamp

15 SEP 1940 PALESTINE POLICE

CALL	IN
	OUT

Series No.	Service instructions	Indication of priority	Words	Time handed in

Special instructions

	IN	OUT
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Reader		
Sender		
TIME OF	Receipt	Despatch

TO POLSEC, REPEAT SUPOL NAZARETH

FROM A S P T S D NAZARETH DIST

No. of groups in text

Write horizontally

T.S.D/G/3/9. No. 8255 T/A/CONST SHMUEL KAFRI OF HAFEDA SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY SHOOTING HIMSELF IN CHEST AT AFULA SETTLEMENT YESTERDAY WHERE HE WAS ON LEAVE. HE IS AT PRESENT DETAINED IN AFULA HOSPITAL. CONDITION SERIOUS BUT NOT DANGEROUS. FULL REPORT FOLLOWING.

Originator's instructions & signature

Time of origin

THE PALESTINE POLICE

MESSAGE FORM.

J.S.D/G/14.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 16th September, 1940.

INSPECTOR GENERAL.

57A

Subject :- Attempted Suicide - No.8255
T/A/Constable Shmuel Kafri,
J.S.P. Areeda Settlement.

Further to my W/T No.J.S.D/G/35 of 15.9.40, I beg to report that on 14.9.40 at approximately 11.30 a.m. No. 7447 T/A/Constable Eliezer Sterman i/c Akiva reported to Kfar-Yehezkiel and informed B/Sgt. Taylor that T/A/Constable No.8255 Shmuel Kafri a member of the Striking Force Stationed at Areeda had shot himself with a licensed revolver which he (Sterman) had issued to him at about 6.30 a.m. on the same morning.

2. Enquiries revealed that Kafri had approached Constable Sterman in the early morning and had applied to him for the issue of a licensed revolver as he intended to accompany other members of the Settlement on a walk to Kafr Nyeem. Constable Sterman issued him with a licensed revolver and recorded the necessary particulars in the Post Diary. Some minutes later Sterman heard a shot in the direction of the Settlement wash house. He immediately hurried to the place and discovered Kafri lying on the floor of the wash house with blood streaming from a wound slightly below the breast bone on the left side and the revolver which he had issued to him some minutes before lying by his side. Sterman called for assistance and the injured man was immediately removed from the wash house and his injury dressed. The injured man was later conveyed in the Settlement truck to the Emek Hospital Affuleh where he was detained.

3. On questioning the Constable i/c of the Striking Force at Areeda I find that Kafri had reported sick on Friday morning and had applied to proceed to Akiva for Medical Treatment. The Constable i/c had given him permission to proceed to Akiva and had instructed him to return to his Station as soon as he had recovered from his illness.

4. Enquiries made at the Emek Hospital reveal that the condition of Kafri is satisfactory, and that the wound, although serious is not dangerous.

5. Police Beisan were informed of the incident and the necessary investigations were carried out. I am informed by Inspector Fullbrook that Kafri will be charged with attempted suicide as soon as he is fit.

6. Disciplinary action is being taken by me against the Constable i/c of Akiva Settlement for issuing a revolver to No.8255 Temporary Additional Constable Shmuel Kafri.

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Copy to :- Nazareth.

Kap Yekutiel
15-9-40

55.

Asst. Superintendent of Police
16. SEP. 1940
Jewish Settlement Police
NAZARETH & FRONTIER

H.S.P., J.S.P.,
Tulkarm.

Subject :- Injury to No 8255 Const
Shmuel Kapri

No 14447

On 14-9-40 at approx. 11.30 am Constable
Eliezer Sternman P/C Akiva reported to Kafr Yehezkiel
and informed Sgt Hoyle that T.A Const 8255 Shmuel Kapri
a member of the Striking Force stationed at Umeda
had shot himself with a licensed revolver which
he (Sternman) had issued to him at about 6.30a
on the same morning.

Enquiries revealed that Kapri had approached
Const. Sternman in the early morning and had
applied to him for the issue of a licensed revolver
as he intended accompanying other members of
the settlement on a ~~picnic~~ walk to Kafr Nyeem, ~~to a~~
~~favourite place visited by many settlers every~~
~~Saturday~~. Const. Sternman issued him with a
licensed revolver and recorded the necessary
particulars in the Post diary. Some minutes later
Sternman heard a shot in the direction of the
settlement bath house. He immediately hurried to
the place and discovered Kapri lying on the
floor of the bath house with blood streaming
from a wound slightly below the ~~left~~ breast bone
on the left side and the revolver which he had issued
to him some minutes before lying by his side.
Sternman called for assistance and the injured
man was immediately removed from the
bath house and his injury dressed. The
injured man was later conveyed in the
settlement truck to the Emek Hospital Afula.

where he was detained.

3 On questioning the Constable i/c of the Akwapim Force at Aseda I found that Kapri had reported sick on Friday morning and had applied to proceed to Akwa for medical treatment. The Const. i/c had given him permission to proceed to Akwa and had instructed him to return to the Station as soon as he had received from the Miners.

4 Enquiries made at the Enok Hospital reveal that the condition of Kapri is satisfactory, and that the wound, although serious is not dangerous.

5 Police Bureau were informed of the incident and the necessary investigations were carried out. Upon information by Supt. Tallbrook (?) Kapri will be charged with attempt murder as soon as he is fit. ~~to stand~~.

E. Taylor Sgt

British Consulate
No. 8 Gilboa Copy
Nazareth

C O P Y.

P.7/478. 3rd. July, 1940.

Nazareth.

Asst. Superintendent of Police 8 - JUL. 1940 Jewish Settlement Police NORTHERN FRONTIER

DEPUTY ... 5 - JUL. 1940 ... DISTRICT ... NAZARETH SUB-DISTRICT

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Death of No.7969 T.A.C. Moshe Shpagat.

Reference:- Your convening order No. G.6/43/40 of the 4th of May, 1940.

I am to inform you that, on the 30th of June, 1940, the Inspector-General approved the finding of the court of inquiry, and authorized the write off, as a charge against public funds, of the articles of stores described below :-

Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount LP. ms
Section A 1.			
Shirts, flannel, khaki	1.	0.492	0.492
Shorts, drill, khaki, No.4	pr. 1.	0.292	0.292
Section A 2.			
Buttons, horn, black, small	doz. 8.	0.022	0.015
			0.799
		Plus 15%	0.120
		Total LP.	0.919 ms

2. The proceedings of the court of inquiry, duly endorsed, are returned herewith.

G.6/43/40

A.J.P. 5/7/40.

Forwarded with proceedings.

(Sgd.) ? ?
for INSPECTOR GENERAL.

A.J.P. 5/7/40.

9/7/40.

Legal 9.

نموذج نمرة ٩ قضائي
משפטים מספר 9.

PALESTINE

ORDER OF RELEASE.

פקודת שחרור — امر بالافراج

Court _____ محكمة
בית משפט

To Officer i/c of Prison _____ الى مدير سجن
כ' פקיד בית־הסהר

Name _____ الاسم
השם

No. of Case _____ نمرة القضية
מספר המשפט

Charge _____ التهمة
זמה

_____

is to be released unless he is detained on any other charge _____

_____ يجب ان يخلى سبيله اذا لم يكن موقوفاً لتهمة اخرى
לשחררו אם אין עליו להשאר חבוש בשביל אשמה אחרת

Seal of Court
ختم المحكمة
חותמת בית־המשפט

Signature of Judge or Magistrate
امضاء القاضي او حاكم الصلح
חתימת השופט
או שופט־השלום
_____

Date _____ التاريخ
תאריך

_____

To _____ الى
ל

The person named in this warrant was released on _____

_____ الشخص المذكور في هذا الامر اخلي سبيله في يوم
האדם הנזכר בפקודה זו, שוחרר ביום

Date _____ التاريخ
התאריך

Officer i/c of Prison at _____ مدير السجن
פקיד בית־הסהר

_____

IMPORTANT.—Any **alteration** made in this form, **must be initialled** by the issuing officer.
تنبيه مهم — يجب وضع توقيع للأمور المعطى منه هذا الامر على اي تغيير يجري في هذا الانموذج
חשוב — כל שנוי שנעשה על הטפס הזה צריך לחיות החתום ע"י הקצין המוציא.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Divisional Police Headquarters, Tiberias. on the 8th day of May, 1940.

by order of the D. D. S. P., Nazareth.

vide convening order dated the 4th day of May, 1940.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale.

Appointment A. S. P., J. S. D.

MEMBERS

Mr. S. E. A. Pitt.

British Inspector

At 10 AM. o'clock the inquiry commences.

At 3 O'clock p.m. the inquiry finishes

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Sheet No. 1. رقم الورقة מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3) 138 S.

STATEMENT OF 6558 T.A. Sgt. Shimon Hushow افادة הודעתו של

Residing at Betania Bolony الساكن في בק ב מגורו

Age 25 العمر גילו Occupation Police المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew المذهب דתו

Statement taken in Kiryat Bolony T.A. Police office at 9.30 A.M on 5.5.40.

On 2.5.40 I was on duty as station orderly in the Mobile Reserve office in Betania Bolony at 9.5 A.M. T.A.P. Moshe Spogot came to the office and asked for his rifle and 50 rounds of .303 ammunition together with his bandolier for the purpose of cleaning. I issued his rifle and ammunition and recorded it in the station diary. I then proceeded to clean my own rifle and the two Brenner guns and

H. Hushow 9.5.40.

Taken by me.

Sheet No. 2 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3: 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Shimon Hirshon افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

such ammunition as I considered
equired cleaning. When I
finished cleaning these articles
I walked over ~~to~~ to the
room of T. A. P. Moshe Spayat
to ask him to return his
rifle and ammunition as he
had been away about one
hour and I wished to
keep my entries in the diary
up-to-date. I found the door
of his room shut and I
attempted to open it but it
was locked so I thought
that he had gone to some
other place leaving his room
locked. I asked other people
if they had seen Moshe

ש. הירשהורן
מ/ט ש.פ.

Sheet No. 3 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3 : 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Shimon Hushow افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
כק.ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

I spagat but no one had seen him after he went to his room. I thought that maybe he had walked to the nearby Jordan and I went there but could not find him. I went back to his room as I thought he had returned by this time. I tried the door again but it was still locked so I peaped through the key hole and saw that the key was on the inside. I knocked at the door and received no answer. So I called to T. A. Insp. Yacow Froilich to ask him what to do.

Sheet No. 4 رقم الورقة

מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Herman Hirshon. افادة

הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في

מק ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب

גילו עסקיו דתו

He came to the door and we both knocked and called "Moshe". As we shouted his name a shot rang out from inside the room, I ran to the steps leading up to his room and called Sgt. Meyer Shachmeil and another man. The corporal came and knocked at the door and called "Moshe" but received no answer, forced open the door by smashing the panels and lock, and entered the room. I followed and saw Moshe Spagat lying on a bed with a gunshot wound in his head, a rifle between his legs

4 Herman Hirshon
04/a.3.P.

ב.הירשון

Sheet No. 5 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Shimon Hirshon افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion الذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

and much blood in evidence. The corporal approached and I heard him say that Moshe Spagat was dead. The corporal then ordered me to stand by the door and prevent anybody entering whilst he went to the telephone.

Q.A.1. I issued two other rifles with ammunition that morning for cleaning and recorded my entries in the station diary. It is a standing order from my corporal.

Q.A.2. About 15 minutes elapsed from the time I first knocked at the door to when I returned and called Spagat's name.

Y. Hamami
מ.מ.י.
ש.מ.ר.ת.ד.

Hirshon

Sheet No. 6 رقم الورقة

מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3 : 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Shimon Hirshon افادة

הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في

מק ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب

גילו עסקיו דתו

Q.A.3. I did not see or hear of any indication that T. A. P. Moshe Spagat was in trouble or depressed and would be liable to commit such a deed.

שהיה עם

Statement taken by me, read over, and admitted to be correct.

Y. Kenan Lt. 8/A.S.P

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3: 138 S.

STATEMENT OF F. 6075 T.A. Const. Meir Yehoshua Yehezkiel افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Betania Colony الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age 28 العمر גילו Occupation Police المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew المذهب דתו

Statement taken in Kinneret colony at 9 A.M. on 6.5.40.

I am the constable in charge of Betania colony.

On 2.5.40 at about 10 A.M. I was feeding my dogs in Betania colony when I heard a shot which I gathered came from inside the colony. I ran out from the dog enclosure and met T.A. Police Shimon Hirshorn who said that a shot had been fired in the room of T.A. Const. Moshe Spagat. I ran up the steps to the room of Moshe Spagat and the door was locked. I knocked at the door and received no

Y. Hirshorn
Sgt. T.P.
ירושלים

Sheet No. 2 رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF Meir Gerachmeil. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age العمر גילו Occupation المهنة עסקיו Religion المذهب דתו

answer. I broke open the door and went into the room. I saw Moshe Spagat laying on his bed with a rifle between his legs and covered in blood. I approached him and felt his pulse but could not detect a movement. I turned his head and saw a big hole in his left temple and realized that he was dead. I sent out the people who had followed me into the room and placed T. A. P. Shimon Hirshorn on guard. I then telephoned to my officer Mr. Pitt who arrived with the investigation staff

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STATEMENT OF Meir Shachmeil افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
מק"ם מגורו

Age العمر גילו Occupation المهنة עסקיו Religion المذهب דתו

of Samakh Police Station.

Q.A.1. I knew T.A.P. Moshe Spagat very well.

Q.A.2. I did not see any previous signs that he was about to take his own life.

Q.A.3. He did not like be stationed in Beteania as he was a member of Kibbutz Kinneret but he did not complain to his N.C.O.

Q.A.4. I have no idea of the reason he committed suicide.

Statement taken by me, read over, and admitted to be correct.

Y. Shachmeil. a/a.s.p. Kalus Pl.

Sheet No. 1. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-39: 138 S.

STATEMENT OF 7520 T.A. borst. Yacow Frolich افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Betania Holmy الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age 22 العمر גילו Occupation Police المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew المذهب דתו

Statement taken at Kinneret at 10.45 A.M. on 8.5.40.

On 2.5.40 at about 9 A.M. I took my rifle and 50 rounds of .303 ammunition for the purpose of cleaning. T.A.P. Moshe Spagat also took his rifle and ammunition at the same time. I returned my rifle and ammunition after half an hour. Later borst. Shimon Hirshon came to me and asked if I had seen Moshe Spagat as he wished to take his rifle and close the armoury. I had not seen him since he drew his rifle so we went together to his room. borst Hirshon myself and called Moshe and knocked

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STATEMENT OF Yaacov Troilich افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age العمر גילו Occupation المهنة עסקיו Religion المذهب דתו

at the door, and then Hirshorn looked through the key hole and saw that the key was on the inside. We both knocked and then a shot suddenly rang out. We called Constable Meir Gerachmeil and he and I forced open the door. We entered the room and saw Constable Spagat laying on his bed covered with blood and a rifle between his legs. Constable Meir Gerachmeil then took charge and I left the room leaving constable Hirshorn in charge.

I knew constable Moshe Spagat for more than one year.

Y. Mansfeld
a/a.s.i.

O.A.I.

Sheet No. 3. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-3) 138 E.

STATEMENT OF Jacow Krolich. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

Q.A.2. I did not see any sign that boss. Spagat was about to take his own life.

Q.A.3. T.A.P. Spagat did not like Betania as his friends were in other places.

Statement taken by me, read over, and admitted to be correct.

H. Kaka Lt.

H. Kaka Lt. A/A.D.C.

Sheet No. 1. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF 1471 F/Constr. Samuel Shilony افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Tiberias الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age 27. العمر גילו Occupation Police المهنة עסקיו Religion Jew المذهب דתו

Statement taken at Kinneret at 10 A.M. on 8.5.40.

On 2.5.40 at about 10.30 A.M. I proceeded to Betania colony with D/Insp. Pitt following a telephone message that T.A. Constr. Moshe Spagat had shot himself.

On arrival at the colony I proceeded to the room of Moshe Spagat with Insp. Pitt and the investigation staff of Samakh Police Station whom we picked up on the road. I saw Constr. Spagat laying on the bed lifeless, and much blood in evidence. His uniform was under the bed and his shirt and shorts were

S. Shilony 14/5.

Sheet No. 2. رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-31 138 S.

STATEMENT OF Samuel ~~Spaga~~ افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at Shilony. الساكن في
מק ם מגורו

Age العمر Occupation المهنة Religion المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

covered in blood. According to Jewish funeral rites any portion of clothing with the victim's blood on must be buried with the man. I attended the funeral of Smt. Spagat and saw that he was buried with the following articles of Government issue.

1 shirt Khaki
1 Pair of shorts Khaki
8 buttons small Khaki

Statement taken by me S. Shilony 1/11.
read over, and admitted
to be correct.

Y. Kenan Lt. o/c A.S.P. [illegible] 31.

9.6/13/40

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CONVENING ORDER — COURT OF INQUIRY.

A court of inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at a place, date and time appointed by the president, for the purpose of enquiring into the circumstances under which No. 7969 T.A.C. Moshe Shpagat committed suicide on 2.5.40.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale,

Appointment A.S.P. - J.S.D., Tiberias.

MEMBERS

Mr. S. E. A. Pitt.

B/Inspector, Tiberias.

2. The proceedings will be submitted, in original, to the convening authority, together with the convening order, and all other requisite documents.

Place Nazareth.

Date 4.5.1940.

Signature.

D. D. S.P.
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Appointment.

GPP. 8194 — 2000—5.6.39

Approved.

(Sgd) M. A. O'Rorke

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

30 JUN 1940

24/J.S.D/C

Kilkenny
26.6.40

Hazarelli.

Sub:- Death of No. 4969.
T.A.C. Rifleman Hayes

Ref:- My letter to even
number of 19.6.40.

Herewith Death
Certificate in respect of
the above named.

Yours

Magistrate's Court, Jerusalem.

54	Const.	M . Saadat Abu Ghosh.	150	mils	I.F.

Jerusalem Rural Division.

15. Confiscation of a revolver and 5 rounds of revolver ammunition whilst on patrol. Case No. 234/33. District Court, Jerusalem.

354	Corpl.	Medlock. E W.	Commended.
997	Const.	Sneddon. J.	do

16. Successful conclusion by intelligent and painstaking investigation of a case of murder with premeditation. Case No. 93/33. District Court, Jerusalem.

28	Const.	Ragheb Ansari.	500	mils	C.I.F.

Haifa Rural Division.

17. Seizure of Hashish. Case No. 5964/33. Magistrate's Court, Zicron.

720	Sergt.	Birch. W.E.	250	mils	C.I.F.
881	Const.	Amin Zooby.	100	„	„

18. Intelligent investigation, arrest of accused and recovery of stolen property. Case No, 200/34. Magistrate's Court, Zicron.

1356	Const.	Moharram Barghouty.	250	mils	C.I.F
881	„	Amin Zooby.	100	„	„

19. Seizure of shotgun. Case No. 202/34 Magistrate's Court, Zicron.

1356	Const.	Moharram Barghouty.	200	mils	C.I.F.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

Serial No. 366

MESSAGE FORM.

GPP. 207—500 Pds. 10-1-36—23/8.

Date stamp: SIGNALS BRANCH 19 JUN. 1940 PALESTINE POLICE

CALL	IN
	OUT

Series No.	Service instructions	Indication of priority	Words	Time handed in
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Special instructions

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Sender	JS	

TO TIBERIAS RSP. JSP

FROM NAZARETH Dist HQrs

No. of groups in text

TIME OF	Receipt	Despatch
	1045	

Write horizontally

G6/43/40 19/6 Ref my even number dated 14/6/40 S/Sgt-s request for coroners inquest and death certificate o Expedite urgent

Originator's instructions & signature

Time of origin 1040

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

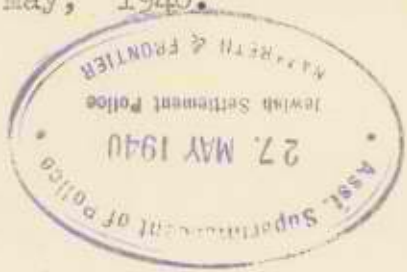
MESSAGE FORM.

TO

FROM

G.6/43/40.

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
NAZARETH.
25th. May, 1940.



A.S.P. - J.S.D.,
Tiberias.

Subject :- No.7969 T/A/Const. Moshe
Shpagat of C.M.R. Bethania.
Reference:- My Convening Order dated 4.5.1940.

Please expedite proceedings.

Copy of Coroner's
Inquisition Forwarded
to Nazareth on 19.6.40.
D.J.

Result on

P.A. K.K. 24/5/40

D./D. S. P.

I N D E X.

Folio.	
1	Convening Order.
2	Proceedings.
3	Summary.
4	Finding.
	Statement of :-
5 - 10	No.6558 Temporary Additional Constable Shimon Hirshorn.
11 - 13	No.6075 Temporary Additional Constable Meir Gerachmeiel.
14 - 16	No.7520 Temporary Additional Constable Yacov Froilich.
17 - 18	No.1471 Foot Constable Samuel Shilony.

I N D E X.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Divisional Police Headquarters, Tiberias. on the 8th day of May, 1940.

by order of the D. D. S. P., Nazareth.

vide convening order dated the 4th day of May, 1940.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale.

Appointment A. S. P., J. S. D.

MEMBERS

Mr. S. E. A. Pitt.

British Inspector

At 10 AM. o'clock the inquiry commences.

At 3 O'clock p.m. the inquiry finishes

GPP. 7355—2000—22.1.39

F I N D I N G.

The Court having carefully perused the evidence placed before it, find that No.7969 Temporary Additional Constable Moshe Shpagat of Bethania Group Mobile Reserve committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with his rifle in his sleeping quarters at Bethania Colony on the 2nd May,1940, and that his death was caused:-

(i) Not in the execution of his duty.

(ii) With his own default.

(iii) Not on account of circumstances directly and specifically attributable to the nature of his duties.

2. The Court recommend that the following Police equipment which was buried with the deceased in accordance with the rites of the Jewish faith should be written off as a charge against the Public :-

Shirt K.D.	1
Shorts K.D., pairs	1
Buttons,black,ghaffir,small	8

A.S.P. PRESIDENT.

B/Inspector MEMBER.

8th May, 1940.

(P.T.O.)

S U M M A R Y.

At 9.5 a.m. on the 2nd May,1940, No. 7969 Temporary Additional Constable Moshe Shpagat of the Group Mobile Reserve of Bethania reported to the Settlement Armoury and was issued with his rifle and ammunition by the Station Orderly for the purpose of cleaning. About an hour later the Station Orderly proceeded to the quarters of Temporary Additional Constable Moshe Shpagat to request him to return the rifle and ammunition to the Armoury to enable the entries in the Station Diary to be kept up-to-date. The Orderly found the door of Temporary Additional Constable Moshe Shpagat's room locked and went round the Colony looking for him. Unable to find him, he returned to the room and peeped through the keyhole and noticed that the key was on the inside. The Orderly knocked on the door and receiving no answer, called the Corporal and another Constable, who both knocked at the door and shouted "Moshe". At the same moment a shot rang out from inside the room. The door was then forced open and Temporary Additional Constable Moshe Shpagat was found lying dead on his bed with a gunshot wound in his head and a rifle between his legs.

THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Sha'ar Yishuv Settlement

on the Seventh day of December, 1940.

by order of the D. S. P. Nazareth District.

vide convening order dated the Fifteenth day of November, 1940.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale.

Appointment A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.

(P.T.O.)

MEMBERS

British Inspector S.E.A. Pitt.

At 10 AM. hours the inquiry commences.

GPP. 9518—2000—7.1.40

S U M M A R Y.

At 06.30 hours on the 27th July, 1940, No. 7947 Temporary Additional Constable Yehoshua Haber of Sha'ar Yishuv Settlement issued S.M.L.E. Rifle No. Q 3786 and 50 rounds of .303 Ammunition to Special Constable Yacov Sheinberg for the purpose of escorting a party of Jews from the Settlement who were proceeding on a walk to the Banyas Area.

The party left the Settlement and proceeded towards the Syrian border. About one hour later, they were stopped by two French Gendarmes who informed them that they were under arrest for being on Syrian territory without Passports. The Rifle and Ammunition were taken from Special Constable, Yacov Sheinberg and the party were taken to Kuneitra and later to Damascus where they spent two and half months in prison. Several efforts have been made by the Assistant District Commissioner Safad with the French Authorities at Kuneitra for the return of the Rifle and Ammunition, but so far without result.

F I N D I N G S.

The Court having carefully perused the evidence placed before it, find that S.M.L.E. Rifle No. Q 3786 and 50 rounds of .303 Ammunition on charge to Sha'ar Yishuv Settlement, were confiscated by the French Authorities from Special Constable Yacov Sheinberg on the 7th July,1940, when he crossed into Syrian Territory near Banyas when escorting a party of Jews on a walking tour.

2. It is the opinion of the Court that the action of No.7947 Temporary Additional Constable Yehoshua Haber in issuing a rifle and ammunition to a Special Constable for the purpose of escorting a party of Jews on a pleasure trip near the Syrian border, was highly irregular, and that in doing so, was responsible for the loss.

3. No. 7947 Temporary Additional Constable Yehoshua Haber was dismissed the Force on the 27th July, 1940, Force Order Part II, No.33/40 refer. In the circumstances the Court recommend that the rifle and 50 rounds of .303 ammunition be written off as a charge against public funds.

PRESIDENT _____ A.S.P.

MEMBER _____ B/Insp.

TIBERIAS,
7. 12. 1940.

U.G./2/40. Ayelet Hashaher.

To:-

A. S. P. J. S. D.

Nazareth District,
Tiberias.

Asst. Superintendent of Police
9. NOV. 1940
Nazareth & Frontier Police

Subject:-Loss of Rifle from Shaar Yishuv.

Herewith please find two statements in respect of,(1) Yacov Sheinberg; and (2),Yehoshua Haber, ex T.A.C.No.7976,taken down by me at Shaar Yishuv Settlement on 7-11-40.

No.(1) is the person who was issu with the rifle.

I/c.No.10 Coy.
Upper Galilee.

British Inspector I/c
No. 10 Coy., Upper Galilee, J.S.P.,
Frontier.

Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

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STATEMENT OF YACOV SHEINBERG. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at SHAAR YISHUV SETTLEMENT. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 26. العمر Occupation FARMER. المهنة Religion JEW. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On Saturday, 27-7-40, at 06.30 hrs I drew a rifle from the Settlement Post at Shaar Yishuv, being issued with this rifle by T.A.C. Yehoshua Haber. I do not remember the number of the rifle. I, together with Moshe Lukerfine, Abraham Rotman, Rivka Sheinberg, & Lima Rembishevska, left for a walk towards the Banyas river, approximately 3 kilometres away. I did not know the way, but Moshe Lukerfine did. He, it would appear made a mistake & we arrived at a water pump where we stopped & had a drink. We stayed & rested here about 15-20 minutes. Suddenly two French Gendarmes appeared some two metres from this place, one of whom approached us & informed us in Arabic that we had crossed the border & were under arrest. He asked us to follow him, & preceded us to the spot where his companion stood. Not until both the Gendarmes were once more together did ~~He~~ the first one make any attempt to disarm me. He then asked me to hand over the rifle to him, & this I did, informing him at the same time that

The rifle was the property of the Police in Palestine. I did not refuse otherwise in handing it over. after handing over the rifle we proceeded on foot to the village of Sanyas where the ammunition was taken from me, 50 rounds .303. We waited in Sanyas about 3 hours before a military car came, & took us to Kuneitra. The rifle & ammunition was also taken in the same car, & was afterwards transferred to Damascus.

Q. A. I was not aware that we had at any time crossed the Border.

Q. A. I was carrying a Special Constables Identy Card, & was dressed in Khaki shorts & shirt, with a Beret. The Identity Card was not returned to me when I was released.

Q. A. The purpose of this walk was to point out the boundaries of the settlement lands in the Sanyas area to me & to Abraham Rotman, Rivka Kheinberg, & Sima Rembishevsky who were not aware of the exact location of the boundary in that area.

Q. A. We were charged with crossing the Border without permission or Passports, & I was sentenced to one & a half months imprisonment, & the others to one month. In the judgement no mention was made of the rifle.

Q. A. We were two & a half months in prison in Damascus.

Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 138 S.

STATEMENT OF YEHOSHUA HABER. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at SHAAR YISHUV SETTLEMENT. الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 28. العمر Occupation FARMER. المهنة Religion JEW. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On Saturday 27.7.40 I was informed that a party of settlers wished to proceed on a walk in the Hayyas area, & at 06.30 hrs I issued Rifle S.M.L.E. No. 3486 with 50 rounds .303 ammunition to Yacov Sheinberg, together with a Beret & Soldatety Card in his name. The rifle was issued for protection purposes owing to an incident concerning a girl who was raped in the same area by some Arabs. The people Sheinberg was escorting were members of the Settlement i.e. Sivka Sheinberg, Lima Rembishevska, Abraham Ratman, & Moshe Lukerfine. I warned Ratman & Sheinberg that the greatest care should be taken in the area where they intended going, & not to go too near the border. I knew that Moshe Lukerfine was aquainted with the border of the Settlement lands.

At approximately 10.00 hrs. I was informed by an Arab that five Jews had been arrested by the French Police & after enquiring was convinced that the five people concerned, were from this Settlement. I then got into communication with L/Sgt. Kpell, Kfar Giladi, & informed him of what had occurred.

I also informed the Mukhtar of Khan Dweir. Eyhab Lozzon, what had happened & he proceeded to Hanyas, & enquired the reasons for the arrest of the people. On his return he informed me that the persons arrested were from Khan Yishuv.

Q. A. It was the practice in this Colony to show new people the boundaries of the settlement in such small parties about once a month.

Q. A. Arms were first issued to these parties after the incident concerning the girl who was raped from Khan Dweir in the same area, about the month of March.

Q. A. At the time these persons were arrested there were also many incidents between Arabs & Jews in this area over grazing rights. & the situation was difficult.

רשם, ס"ד.

P.30/1521. JERUSALEM,
23rd January, 1941.

Nazareth.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Loss of Stores.
Reference:- Your letter No.G.6/103/40 of the 13th of January, 1941.

I have to inform you that, in view of the recovery of the rifle and cartridges in question, the authority contained in my letter No.P.30/1521 of the 2nd January, 1941, should be considered as cancelled.

(Sgd.) W.J. HOWARD BEARD
for INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

Copy to :-
A.I.G.(C.I.D.) Reference file No.365/9/GS.

G.6/103/40 DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
NAZARETH,
25th January, 1941.

J.S.P., Tiberias.

For information.

28/1/41

R.J. Townsend
SUPT. OF POLICE.

G.6/103/40. DISTRICT POLICE HQRS,
NAZARETH.
3rd. December, 1940.

HEADQUARTERS
THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE
- 7 JAN 1941
R. & I SECTION.
STORES BRANCH

A.S.P. J.S.D.,
Tiberias.

Subject :- Confiscation of Rifle S.M.L.E. No. Q 3786 and 50 rounds of Ammunition by the French Authorities

Reference:- My Convening Order No. G.6/103/40 of 15.11.40.

Please expedite proceedings.

D. S. P.

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WITNESS

הודעה לעדים

In the ..... Co

To .....

Take notice that you are required to attend the above Cou
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as witness at the instance of .....

in the case of .....

In default of attendance you may be fined

28/J.S.D/G/

JEWISH SETTLEMENT DEFENCE OFFICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
TIBERIAS, 9th January, 1941.

NAZARETH.

Subject :- Court of Inquiry - Loss of Stores - Convening Order No. G.6/103/40 dated 15.11.1940.

Reference :- Your letter No.G.6/103/40 dated 7. 1. 1941.

I beg to inform you that S.M.L.E. Rifle No.Q.3786 and 50 rounds of .303 ammunition confiscated by the French Authorities from Special Constable Yacob Sheinberg of Sha'ar-Yishuv Settlement on the 27.7.40, have now been returned to me through the Assistant District Commissioner, Safad.

2. The Rifle and ammunition are in good condition.

4. I shall be grateful therefore if the findings of the Court of Inquiry into the loss of the above-mentioned stores, be cancelled.

A.S.P., J.S.D.,
NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Total number of nights						

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the particulars set out herein are correct, that the journeys shown were undertaken in the public interest and that I was not accommodated in a Government building during any night in respect of which travelling allowance is claimed.

Signature of Claimant.

Station .....

Approved

Date .....

Head of Department.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF A COURT OF INQUIRY.

Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Sha'ar Yishuv Settlement

on the Seventh day of December, 1940.

by order of the D. S. P. Nazareth District.

vide convening order dated the Fifteenth day of November, 1940.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale.

Appointment A.S.P., J.S.D., Tiberias.

(P. T. O.)

MEMBERS

British Inspector S.E.A. Pitt.

At 10 AM. hours the inquiry commences.

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Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1034 1000 Pads.—15-6-40 138/8.

STATEMENT OF YEHOSHUA HABER. افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at SHA'AR YISHUV SETTLEMENT الساكن في
מקום מגורו

Age 28 العمر Occupation FARMER المهنة Religion JEW. المذهب
גילו עסקיו דתו

On Saturday 27-7-40 I was informed that a party of settlers wished to proceed on a walk in the Banyas area, & at 0630 hrs I issued Rifle, - S.M.L.E - No. 3786-Q, with 50 rounds .303 ammunition to Yacov Shenberg together with a Beret & Identity Card in his name. The rifle was issued for protection purposes owing to an incident concerning a girl who was raped in the same area by some Arabs. The people Shenberg was escorting were members of the Settlement; i.e. Rivka Shenberg, Sima Rembitchevska, Abraham Rotman & Moshe Sukenfine. I warned Rotman & Shenberg that the greatest care should be taken in the area where they intended going, and not to go too near the border. I knew that Moshe Sukenfine was acquainted with the border of the settlement lands.

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Taken down at Khaist Yishuv and read over to witness who certified it to be correct by signing below.

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H. Kenworthy A/A.S.P

4/12/40

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Sheet No. ..... رقم الورقة
מס. הגליון

GPP. 1024 1000 Pads.—15-6-36 188/8.

STATEMENT OF YACOV SHEINBERG افادة
הודעתו של

Residing at SHA'AR YISHUV SETTLEMENT الساكن في
מקום מגורו

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Taken down at Shaar Yishuv and read over to witness who certifies it to be correct by signing below.

4/12/40

M. Moreno. A/A.S.I.

Approved.

(sgd) M. J. Mc Connell.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

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THE PALESTINE POLICE FORCE.

CONVENING ORDER — COURT OF INQUIRY.

A court of inquiry, composed as under, will assemble at a place, date and time appointed by the president, for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the circumstances under which Rifle S.M.L.E. No. Q 3786 and 50 rounds of ammunition were confiscated by the French Authorities on 27.7.40, and to fix responsiblity for same.

PRESIDENT

Name Mr. F. Mosedale,

Appointment A.S.P. J.S.D. Tiberias.

MEMBERS

Mr. S.E.A. Pitt,

B/Inspector, J.S.D. Tiberias.

2. The proceedings will be submitted, in original, to the convening authority, together with the convening order, and all other requisite documents.

Place Nazareth.

Date 15/11/1940.

R.H. Townsend

D. S. P.

NAZARETH DISTRICT.

Signature.

Appointment.

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