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Rook, Pa.,
November 14, 1962

File A-28-62

Mr. W.K.Kearns,
Vice President-Operations & Maintenance,
Rook, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

9:50 A.M. October 25, 1962, Donora Southern engine 810, Conductor Harold Hart, Engineer Louis Jones, struck a 1954 Plymouth two door sedan bearing Pennsylvania License 738KL on the Walnut St. Road Crossing in Carroll Township located about five miles East of our Sudan Station on the Donora Branch.

There was no damage to engine 810 or to the track. D.S. engine 810 delayed 30 min. No other delays involved.

Engine 810 in Drag Service between Donora and Sudan was moving at a speed of about 6 MPH on ascending grade with 1 load and 1 empty when Fireman J. Robison, from a distance of about 100 feet, noticed this automobile approaching crossing from the South side. He figured car would stop short of crossing and, when engine was within about 10 feet of crossing, the Engineer and Fireman became concerned as to whether or not it was going to stop the air was applied in emergency. Engine struck front end of the automobile, moving it westward about 8 feet, before movement could be stopped.

Car was owned by Anthony Pokorny and at time of accident was driven by Edward Pokorny with a 16 month old child by the name of Keith Allen Hrutkay as a passenger. The only injury incurred was a slight bump on the forehead of the child, Keith Allen Hrutkay.

The engine bell was not ringing but the usual crossing whistle signal was sounded on the pneumatic horn on two occasions with the last blast prolonged until engine reached the crossing. The headlight was on dim. The crossing is protected by Flashing Red Lights and Bell which were functioning as intended at time of collision.

Yours very truly,

CC-Mr. James J. Ryland, Train Master & Road Foreman of Engines
Claim Agent

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Rook, Pa., October 30, 1962

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Mr. W. K. Kearns

With reference to Conductor Harold Hart's A X Report covering collision between D. S. R. R. Engine 810 and an automobile at the Victory Hill Road Crossing on the Donora Branch, 9:50 A. M., October 25, 1962.

Kindly advise if there was any expense to the M. of W. Department.

F. Kovanis R. E. Beltz

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THE PITTSBURGH & WEST VIRGINIA RAILWAY COMPANY CASUALTY REPORT

SUDAN, PENNA.

OCTOBER 25TH, 1962

STATION

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TO W. R. KEARNS AND ALL CONCERNED

REPORT OF CASUALTY ^{NEAR} AT

VICTORY HILL ROAD CROSSING ON DONORA SOUTHERN

TO TRAIN NO. DSD EXTRA

CONDUCTOR

HAROLD HART

BRAKEMAN

P. J. BIRPHY

ENGINE NO. DSD 810

ENGINEMAN

LOUIS JONES

FIREMAN

J. ROBINSON

WHICH HAPPENED AT

VICTORY HILL CROSSING

9:50P

M.

DATE

OCT. 25TH,

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KIND OF CASUALTY:

SLIGHT BUMP ON FOREHEAD OF CHILD

CAUSE OF CASUALTY:

A 1954 PLYMOUTH 2 DOOR BEARING LICENSE NO. 7304L DRIVEN BY EDWARD POKORNY OF VICTORY, HILL R. D. # 1, LONDONHELA, PA HIT ON CROSSING BY DSD ENGINE 810. CHILD A PASSENGER IN CAR AT TIME OF ACCIDENT.

Driven by Edward Pokorny owned by Anthony Pokorny

*South side to north side
Engineer distance of about 10 feet
Train about 70 feet*

*Eng Bell in engine
Head light light
ground signal worked fine
Very quiet on crossing*

LEVEL GROUND AT RAILROAD CROSSING

ASCENDING OR DESCENDING GRADE

CONDITION OF WEATHER AND LIGHT

CLOUDY

SPEED OF TRAIN AT TIME OF CASUALTY

6 MILES PER HOUR

MILES PER HOUR.

WHEN, BY WHOM AND HOW WAS CASUALTY FIRST DETECTED

ENGINE CREW AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

DISTANCE DANGER FIRST DETECTED

AT TIME OF ACCIDENT

DISTANCE TRAIN RAN AFTER CASUALTY

ABOUT 10 FEET

NUMBER OF CARS IN TRAIN

1

LOADS

1

EMPTY

POSITION OF WRECKED CARS IN TRAIN FROM ENGINE

ALL

NUMBER OF AIR CARS IN USE

POSITION OF TRAINMEN AT TIME OF CASUALTY—CONDUCTOR

ENGINEER CALCOSE

FEAR BRAKEMAN

NO FEAR BRAKEMAN

HEAD BRAKEMAN

ENGINE

CLEARING TRACK IN CHARGE OF

CREW

TRANSFER AND CHECKING FREIGHT IN CHARGE OF

NONE

TRACK CLEARED FOR TRAINS TO PASS AT

10:20AM

O'CLOCK

NAMES OF PERSONS INJURED. (SEND SEPARATE PERSONAL INJURY REPORT.)

KEITH ALLEN HUTKAY, 16 MONTH OLD CHILD A PASSENGER IN CAR

THE PITTSBURGH & WEST VIRGINIA RAILWAY COMPANY

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"AX" REPORT

TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF ACCIDENTS

SENDER _____ RECEIVER _____
TIME SENT _____ M _____

SUDAN, PENNA. STATION OCT. 25TH, 1962

TO W. K. KEARNS AND ALL CONCERNED

A. Train No. 050 EXTRA B. Section EXTRA C. Conductor: HOWARD HART

D. Engine No. 050 810 E. Engineer LOUIS JONES

F. Place of Accident: Station SUDAN, PA DONORA BRANCH
Between _____ M. P. _____ M. P.
Distance from Station, East or West 6 MILES
Distance from M. P. _____

H. Is it an embankment, in cut or on level ground? LEVEL GROUND

Give cause of accident: HIT CAR ON CROSSING, FRONT OF CAR ON CROSSING WHEN ENGINE APPROACHED, CAR SHOVED ABOUT FORWARD ABOUT EIGHT FEET, TURNING CAR SIDWAYS

J. Speed of train at time of accident 6 MILES PER HOUR

K. Was any one injured; if so, who and to what extent? CHILD OF EDWARD POKARNY SHOWED A SLIGHT BUMP ON FOREHEAD OF KEITH ALLEN KRUTKAY, 16 MONTH OLD CHILD, A PASSENGER IN CAR

L. Is main track obstructed? TEMPORARY, UNTIL CAR MOVED OUT OF WAY ON ITS OWN POWER

M. How badly is track damaged? NONE

N. Is it between switches, and so that trains can pass around, or can a track be easily built around the wreck? NO

O. Can you clear track without assistance of wreck train? YES

P. How long will it take to clear the track? TWENTY MINUTES

Q. What material will be necessary to repair track or bridge? NONE

R. If engine is off, in what position is it? NO

S. How much is engine damaged? NONE

U.	INITIALS	NUMBERS	CONTENTS	DESTINATION	EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CARS

V. Remarks: (Give full particulars) A 1954 PLYMOUTH 2 DOOR LICENSE NO. 738KL DRIVEN BY EDWARD POKARNY OF VICTORY, HILL R. D., # 1, MONONGAHELA, PA. HIT ON CROSSING BY 050 ENGINE 810.

Keith Allen Krutkay
Edmond

Signature *[Signature]*

INSTRUCTIONS

Conductors and others, in making a telegraphic report of accidents, will use this form. Conductors must keep themselves supplied with blanks. Answer such questions in this Report as apply to your case briefly, but intelligently. In transmitting, operators will use the signal letters and answers only. This Report must be sent to the General Manager. In case of personal injury, to Chief Special Agent. Receiving operators will copy on this form and deliver PROMPTLY to the party addressed.

Beek, Pennsylvania
October 25, 1962

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W.K.K.
J.J. Ryland
F. Kovanic ✓
S.H. Fender

DSR ENG 810 Condr. Hart Engr L. Jones called Donora 7:00 this am on way to Sudan struck a car on 2nd crossing west of Baird about 10am. The following report received from Track Signalman Atkins;

Driver; Edward Pokorny age about 25 Victory Hill RD# 1 Monongahela, Pa .
Passenger 1 1/2 year old Boy Keith Allen Krutkay riding in back seat
1954 Plymouth License 728KL

Witness; Milo Jones said he heard eng blow whistle.

Flashes and Bell working

No sign of personal injuries but Supt Heatherington of DSR took both riders to Monongahel hospital for examination.

Maintainer checked flashers and g found equipment working in good order.

Sectionmen checked track and reported OK
Car also clear of track.

C.M.R.

1143am

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"AX" REPORT

TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF ACCIDENTS

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SENDER RECEIVER TIME SENT M.

Sudan Pa STATION Oct 25 1962 19

TO WKK (REB) JR ARD. GEN. MGR.

A. Train No. DSO Ex B. Section C. Conductor Howard Hart

D. Engine No. 810 E. Engineer Louis Jones

F. Place of Accident: Station Sudan, Donora branch Between M.P. Distance from Station, East or West 6 miles Distance from M.P. G. Time 9:50 am

H. Is it an embankment, in cut or on level ground? Level ground

Give cause of accident. Hit car on crossing front of car on crossing when engine approached Engine shoved forward about 8 feet turning car sideways

J. Speed of train at time of accident. 6 MPH

K. Was any one injured; if so, who and to what extent? A slight bump on forehead of Keith Allen Krutkay 16 month old child a passenger in automobile

L. Is main track obstructed? Temporarily until car moved out of way on its own power

M. How badly is track damaged? None

N. Is it between switches, and so that trains can pass around, or can a track be easily built around the wreck? No

O. Can you clear track without assistance of wreck train? Yes

P. How long will it take to clear the track? 20 minutes

Q. What material will be necessary to repair track or bridge? None

R. If engine is off, in what position is it? No

S. How much is engine damaged? None

Table with 6 columns: U, INITIALS, NUMBERS, CONTENTS, DESTINATION, EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO CARS

V. Remarks: (Give full particulars) A 1951 1951 Plymouth two door License number 738 KL driven by Edward Pokorny of Victory Hill RD 1 Monongahela Pa Hit on crossing by DSO engine 810

Howard Hart

Signature

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This image of the Donora Southern R.R. EMD-SW-8 Locomotive #809 is identical to the #810 referred to in the accident report.