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FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER

FISCAL YEAR ENDING

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 77 of the Administrative Code of the County of Los Angeles I submit herewith a statistical report covering the operation of the Coroner's Department for the fiscal year 1942-43.

The case load for this fiscal period shows 6831 deaths investigated as compared with 6760 during the preceding fiscal year, and the operating cost of $13.83 per case is but 11 cents more than the unit net cost during the preceding year, in spite of the fact that the cost of materials used was considerably higher. Our high standard of accuracy in determining the causes of death by autopsy was maintained although we had the services of but three autopsy surgeons instead of four, as heretofore.

The chemical laboratory, placed in operation during this period, has already proven an invaluable aid to the speed and accuracy of our findings in cases where toxicological examinations are indicated.

This office has suffered, as all other departments of county government, in loss of personnel due to the manpower shortage caused by the war. It has been impossible to secure replacements for two autopsy surgeons who have joined the armed forces, one of which has been filled only temporarily. In other divisions of the office satisfactory replacements have been made and an earnest effort is being made to maintain the efficiency of the office at the highest possible level.

Respectfully submitted,

CORONER, County of Los Angeles.

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1942-43

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1942-43

JULY	1942	539	
AUGUST	1942	483	
SEPTEMBER	1942	490	
OCTOBER	1942	509	
NOVEMBER	1942	615	
DECEMBER	1942	641	
JANUARY	1943	676	
FEBRUARY	1943	581	
MARCH	1943	649	
APRIL	1943	614	
MAY	1943	549	
JUNE	1943	485	
	TOTAL		6831

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MALE	4532	
FEMALE	2299	
TOTAL		6831

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4236	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L. A. CITY	2595	
TOTAL		6831

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:			
AIRPLANE		5	
ASPHYXIATION		11	
BURNS		111	
CRUSHING		14	
DROWNING		65	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY		54	
ELECTROCUTION		7	
FALLS		405	
FIREARMS		11	
HEAD INJURY		108	
INDUSTRIAL		149	
INFECTION		28	
MISCELLANEOUS		35	
MOTOR VEHICLES		688	
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM 10)		79	
STEAM RAILWAY		15	
STRANGULATION		15	
SUFFOCATION		20	
	TOTAL		1820
ABORTIONS		23	
HOMICIDES		120	
NATURAL CAUSES		4314	
PREMATURE BIRTHS		15	
STILLBORN		36	
SUICIDES		495	
UNKNOWN CAUSES		8	
	TOTAL		5011
	GRAND TOTAL		6831

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RY.	STEAM RY.	TOTAL
JULY	1942	54	1	1	56
AUGUST	1942	55	2	2	59
SEPTEMBER	1942	52	6	2	60
OCTOBER	1942	30	2	0	32
NOVEMBER	1942	56	2	1	59
DECEMBER	1942	71	7	2	80
JANUARY	1943	74	7	1	82
FEBRUARY	1943	75	7	1	83
MARCH	1943	60	5	0	65
APRIL	1943	58	4	2	64
MAY	1943	52	7	2	61
JUNE	1943	51	4	1	56
TOTALS		688	54	15	757

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLE" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

JULY	1942	22	
AUGUST	1942	21	
SEPTEMBER	1942	33	
OCTOBER	1942	17	
NOVEMBER	1942	37	
DECEMBER	1942	46	
JANUARY	1943	40	
FEBRUARY	1943	52	
MARCH	1943	29	
APRIL	1943	31	
MAY	1943	28	
JUNE	1943	25	
	TOTAL		381

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MALE	285	
FEMALE	96	
TOTAL		381

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	206	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY	173	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	2	
TOTAL		381

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
PEDESTRIAN

AGES

1	to	2	Years		1	
2	to	5	Years		5	
5	to	10	Years		12	
10	to	20	Years		12	
20	to	45	Years		95	
45	to	65	Years		143	
65	Years and Over				113	
				TOTAL		381

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AT INTERSECTION	201	
NOT AT INTERSECTION	178	
UNKNOWN LOCATION	2	
TOTAL		381

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A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	134	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	243	
UNKNOWN TIME	4	
TOTAL		381

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NATURE

AUTO AND PEDESTRIAN	340	
BUS AND PEDESTRIAN	10	
MOTORCYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN	4	
TAXICAB AND PEDESTRIAN	1	
TRUCK AND PEDESTRIAN	25	
TRUCK, TRAILER AND PEDESTRIAN	1	
TOTAL		381

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
PEDESTRIAN
CAUSES

CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	96	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	93	
PLAYING IN STREET	3	
RUNNING IN STREET	8	
WALKING IN STREET	20	
BACKING	8	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	38	
INTOXICATION	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	83	
DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	1	
BLACKOUT	2	
DIMOUT	4	
FELL AGAINST SIDE OF TRUCK	1	
IMPROPER PARKING	1	
MISCELLANEOUS	6	
PHYSICAL DEFECTS	1	
PUSHING A TRUCK	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF PROTRUDING LUMBER ON AUTO	1	
UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE AND RESPONSIBILITY	10	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	3	
TOTAL		381

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
PEDESTRIANS
CAUSES, CONTINUED

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	71	
FEMALE DRIVERS	13	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	45	129
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	205	
FEMALE DRIVERS	27	232
JURY UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY:		
MALE DRIVERS	10	
FEMALE DRIVERS	1	11
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:		
MALE DRIVERS	6	
FEMALE DRIVERS	1	
DRIVERLESS CAR	1	
UNKNOWN DRIVER	1	9
TOTAL		381

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HIT AND RUN CASES	59
H.B.D. CASES (PEDESTRIAN)	31
H.B.D. CASES (DRIVERS)	7

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1942	32	
AUGUST	1942	34	
SEPTEMBER	1942	19	
OCTOBER	1942	13	
NOVEMBER	1942	19	
DECEMBER	1942	25	
JANUARY	1943	34	
FEBRUARY	1943	23	
MARCH	1943	31	
APRIL	1943	27	
MAY	1943	24	
JUNE	1943	26	
	TOTAL		307

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MALE	218	
FEMALE	89	
TOTAL		307

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	116	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY	180	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	11	
TOTAL		307

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

UNDER ONE YEAR	3	
1 to 2 Years	3	
2 to 5 Years	7	
5 to 10 Years	5	
10 to 20 Years	39	
20 to 45 Years	147	
45 to 65 Years	63	
65 Years and Over	40	
TOTAL		307

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AT INTERSECTION	168	
NOT AT INTERSECTION	135	
UNKNOWN LOCATION	4	
TOTAL		307

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A.M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	121	
P.M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	181	
UNKNOWN TIME	5	
TOTAL		307

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION
NATURE

COLLISION:

AUTO AND AUTO	75	
AUTO AND AMBULANCE	2	
AUTO AND ARMY TRUCK	1	
AUTO AND BICYCLE	14	
AUTO AND BRIDGE	2	
AUTO AND BUILDING	1	
AUTO AND BUS	4	
AUTO AND CURB	2	
AUTO AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	26	
AUTO AND MOTORCYCLE	12	
AUTO AND PARKED CAR	1	
AUTO AND PARKED TRAILER	1	
AUTO AND POLE	13	
AUTO AND STEAM RAILWAY	20	
AUTO AND TAXICAB	1	
AUTO AND TREE	12	
AUTO AND TRICYCLE	2	
AUTO AND TRUCK	40	
AUTO AND WALL	3	
BUS AND STEAM RAILWAY	4	
MOTORCYCLE AND AMBULANCE	1	
MOTO RCYCLE AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND STEAM RAILWAY	1	
MOTORCYCLE AND TRUCK	3	
TRACTOR AND TRAILER AND TRUCK AND TRAILER	2	
TRUCK AND BUS	1	
TRUCK AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY	7	
TRUCK AND POLE	1	
TRUCK AND STANDING AUTO	1	
TRUCK AND STEAM RAILWAY	4	
TRUCK AND TRUCK	1	259

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO CAUGHT FIRE	1	
AUTO OVERTURNED	29	
FELL FROM MOVING VEHICLE	15	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	1	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	2	48
TOTAL		307

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION CAUSES

COLLISION:		
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	64	
RECKLESS DRIVING	44	
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED	55	
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	52	
LOST CONTROL	23	
EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN CAR AND TRUCK	1	
NO HISTORY	1	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	11	
UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE	4	
UNABLE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY	1	258
NON-COLLISION:		
FELL FROM VEHICLE	11	
JUMPED FROM CAR	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING AND H.B.D.	1	
IMPROPER RIDING ON VEHICLE	3	
LOST CONTROL	5	
AUTO CAUGHT FIRE, CAUSE UNKNOWN	1	22
VEHICLE OVERTURNED:		
LOST CONTROL	19	
RECKLESS DRIVING	2	
UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	3	
INTOXICATION	1	
TRUCK TIRE BLOWOUT	1	27
TOTAL		307

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	100	
FEMALE DRIVERS	5	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	2	
TRAIN CREWS	2	109
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	59	
FEMALE DRIVERS	4	
TRAIN CREWS	56	119
CASES IN WHICH JURY COULD NOT DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY:		
MALE DRIVERS	13	
FEMALE DRIVERS	3	16
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST BEFORE A JURY WAS HELD:		
MALE DRIVERS	57	
FEMALE DRIVERS	6	63
TOTAL		307

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HIT AND RUN CASES	1
H.B.D. CASES	31

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1942	1	
AUGUST	1942	2	
SEPTEMBER	1942	6	
OCTOBER	1942	2	
NOVEMBER	1942	2	
DECEMBER	1942	7	
JANUARY	1943	7	
FEBRUARY	1943	7	
MARCH	1943	5	
APRIL	1943	4	
MAY	1943	7	
JUNE	1943	4	
	TOTAL		54

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MALE	37	
FEMALE	17	
TOTAL		54

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	39	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A.CITY	15	
TOTAL		54

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

2	to	5	Years		1	
5	to	10	Years		3	
10	to	20	Years		2	
20	to	45	Years		11	
45	to	65	Years		22	
65	Years and Over				15	
				TOTAL		54

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	51	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND BICYCLE RIDER	1	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PASSENGER	2	
TOTAL		54

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CAUSES

CROSSING RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	32	
CRAWLING UNDER TRAIN	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING BY TRAIN CREW	6	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING BY BICYCLE RIDER	1	
WALKED INTO SIDE OF MOVING CAR	1	
UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE AND RESPONSIBILITY	3	
WALKING ON RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND H.B.D.	1	
TRYING TO CRAWL BETWEEN CARS	1	
FELL FROM STREET CAR	3	
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETER.	1	
LYING ON RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	2	
JUMPING ON TRAIN	1	54

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1942	1	
AUGUST	1942	2	
SEPTEMBER	1942	2	
OCTOBER	1942	0	
NOVEMBER	1942	1	
DECEMBER	1942	2	
JANUARY	1943	1	
FEBRUARY	1943	1	
MARCH	1943	0	
APRIL	1943	2	
MAY	1943	2	
JUNE	1943	1	
	TOTAL		15

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MALE	12	
FEMALE	3	
TOTAL		15

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	11	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L. A. CITY	4	
TOTAL		15

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AGES

1 to 5 Years	1	
10 to 20 Years	2	
20 to 45 Years	6	
45 to 65 Years	4	
65 Years and Over	2	
TOTAL		15

TRAFFIC FATALITIES
STEAM RAILWAY
NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	12	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN OR PASSENGER	1	
STEAM RAILWAY AND EQUESTRIAN	1	
STEAM RAILWAY AND BICYCLE RIDER	1	
TOTAL		15

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CAUSES

WALKING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	2	
CROSSING RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	5	
CHILD PLAYING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY	1	
RIDING HO RSE OVER RIGHT-OF-WAY CARELESSLY	1	
WHETHER FELL FROM OR STRUCK BY TRAIN UNKNOWN	1	
UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE OR RESPONSIBILITY	2	
SUICIDAL O R ACCIDENTAL UNDETERMINED	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	1	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	1	
TOTAL		15

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SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLE	503	185	688
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	41	13	54
STEAM RAILWAY	12	3	15
GRAND TOTAL	556	201	757

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1942	13	
AUGUST	1942	10	
SEPTEMBER	1942	13	
OCTOBER	1942	14	
NOVEMBER	1942	15	
DECEMBER	1942	10	
JANUARY	1943	10	
FEBRUARY	1943	15	
MARCH	1943	15	
APRIL	1943	13	
MAY	1943	13	
JUNE	1943	8	
	TOTAL		149

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MALE	148	
FEMALE	1	
TOTAL		149

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	74	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY	73	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	2	
TOTAL		149

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AGES

10	to	20	Years	5	
20	to	45	Years	71	
45	to	65	Years	64	
65	Years and Over			9	
			TOTAL		149

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	2	
BODILY INJURY	13	
BURNS	14	
CRUSHING	41	
DROWNING	4	
ELECTROCUTION	7	
FALLS	14	
FRACTURED VERTEBRA	2	
HEAD INJURY	41	
HEMORRHAGE AND SHOCK	1	
INFECTION	5	
MISCELLANEOUS	2	
SUFFOCATION	3	
TOTAL		149

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES
CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

INHALATIO N OF ILLUMINATING GAS	1	
INHALATION OF SMOKE	1	2

BODILY INJURY:

DUE TO FALL	1	
EXPLOSION OF DRUM AT INCINERATOR	1	
FELL FROM BUILDING	1	
FELL FROM LADDER	1	
FELL IN HOLD OF SHIP	1	
STRUCK AND JARRED BY TRUCK	1	
STRUCK BY BROKEN CABLE	1	
S TRUCK BY PIECE OF LUMBER	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF STEEL	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF WOOD	2	
STRUCK BY STEEL PLATE	1	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	1	13

BURNS:

BY HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC CURRENT	1	
CONTACTED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	1	
CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
EXPLOSION ALUMINUM DRUM	1	
EXPLOSION BARREL PAINT IN HEATER	1	
EXPLOSION CAN OF PAINT CLEANER	1	
EXPLOSION GAS MAIN	1	
EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY	1	
EXPLOSION OF FURNACE	3	
EXPLOSION TANK OF BUTANE GAS	2	
FELL INTO STEAM COOKING VAT	1	14

CRUSHING:

ARM CAUGHT IN BELT OF LATHE	1
BY CEMENT MIXER	3
BY FALLING CRANE	1
BY PILING ROLLING OFF CAR	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN CAR AND TANK	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN CRANE AND LUMBER	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN ELEVATOR CAGE AND WALL	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRAIN AND TRUCK	1
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRUCK AND TRAILER	1
CAUGHT IN FORGING MACHINE	1
CAUGHT BY FALLING PIANO	1
COLLISION OF FREIGHT CARS	1
EXPLOSION IN ROCK PIT	2
FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1
FELL FROM CHIMNEY	1

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

CRUSHING, Cont'd.

FELL FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
FELL INTO HOLD OF SHIP	1	
PINNED UNDER OVERTURNED TRACTOR	1	
RUN OVER BY DOCK TRACTOR	1	
STRUCK BY BACKING TRUCK	1	
STRUCK BY ELEVATOR	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING BEAM	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING BOOM	2	
STRUCK BY FALLING CONCRETE CHUTE	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING LOAD OF STEEL	2	
STRUCK BY FALLING LUMBER	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING PILE BOXES	1	
S TRUCK BY FALLING RAM ON BAILING MACHINE	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING ROCK	1	
STRUCK BY FLAT CAR	1	
STRUCK BY GONDOLA CAR	1	
STRUCK BY LO AD OF FREIGHT	1	
STRUCK BY RAILWAY ENGINE	1	
STRUCK BY SWINGING CRANE	1	
STRUCK BY TRUCK AND TRAILER	1	
UNDER WHEEL MO VING TRUCK	1	41

DROWNING:

FELL FROM SHIP SCAFFOLD INTO WATER	1	
WHILE REPAIRING WELL	3	4

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRES	7	7

FALLS:

CAUGHT LEG ON PLATFORM	1	
FROM BUILDING	2	
FROM CAT WALK AT STUDIO	1	
FROM ENGINE	1	
FROM LADDER	2	
FROM SCAFFOLD	4	
LADDER SLIPPED FROM UNDER VICTIM	1	
WHILE CARRYING CASE COCA-COLA	1	
WHILE WORKING ON LUMBER PILE	1	14

FRACTURED VERTEBRA:

FELL FROM SCAFFOLD	2	2

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

HEAD INJURY:

ATTEMPTING TO BOARD MOVING TRAIN	1	
BY EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE STABILIZER	1	
CAUGHT IN BUCKET ELEVATOR	1	
DUE TO FALL	1	
FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	2	
FELL FROM BUILDING	2	
FELL FROM LADDER	6	
FELL FROM LIGHT POLE	1	
FELL FROM PLATFORM	1	
FELL FROM SCAFFOLD	10	
FELL INTO HOLD OF SHIP	2	
FELL INTO PIT	1	
S TRUCK BY AIRPLANE PROPELLER	1	
STRUCK BY COLLAPSING BULKHEAD	1	
STRUCK BY EXPLODING AUTO TIRE	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING TANK	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE BROKEN GRINDING WHEEL	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF SPRING	1	
STRUCK BY PROPELLER	1	
STRUCK BY SWING LOAD OF CRATES	1	
STRUCK HEAD AGAINST MOTOR MOUNT	1	
STRUCK HEAD ON AUTOMOBILE HOIST	1	
THROWN TO FLOOR FROM ROLLER	1	
WHILE UNLOADING STEEL DOORS	1	41

HEMORRHAGE AND SHOCK:

GRAVEL PIT CAVED IN ON VICTIM	1	1

INFECTION:

CUT BY FLYING METAL BLADE FROM MACHINE; PERITONITIS DEVELOPED	1	
CUT FINGER: INFECTION DEVELOPED	1	
CUT HAND ON BROKEN GLASS DOOR: PERITONITIS DEVELOPED	1	
DEVELOPED IN INJURED KNEE	1	
INJURED IN FALL: GANGRENE DEVELOPED	1	5

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

MISCELLANEOUS:		
FUMES IN PAINT PLANT FIRE	1	
ROLLER COASTER TRAIN AND WORKMAN	1	2
SUFFOCATION:		
CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN OF EARTH	2	
CAUGHT IN SAWDUST PIT	1	3
GRAND TOTAL		149

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1942	77	
AUGUST	1942	64	
SEPTEMBER	1942	64	
OCTOBER	1942	64	
NOVEMBER	1942	74	
DECEMBER	1942	89	
JANUARY	1943	101	
FEBRUARY	1943	78	
MARCH	1943	83	
APRIL	1943	89	
MAY	1943	62	
JUNE	1943	64	
	TOTAL		909

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MALE	491	
FEMALE	418	
TOTAL		909

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	493	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A. CITY	390	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	20	
UNKNOWN LOCATION	6	
TOTAL		909

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MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
AGES

UNDER	1	YEAR			27	
1	to	2	Years		25	
2	to	5	Years		29	
5	to	10	Years		32	
10	to	20	Years		46	
20	to	45	Years		147	
45	to	65	Years		177	
65	Years	and	Over		426	
				TOTAL		909

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NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	11	
BODILY INJURY	7	
BURNS	111	
CRUSHING	14	
DROWNING	65	
ELECTROCUTION	7	
FALLS	405	
FIREARMS	11	
HEAD INJURY	108	
HEMORRHAGE	1	
INFECTION	28	
MISCELLANEOUS	26	
POISONING (ALCOHOLISM, 10)	79	
SHOCK	1	
STRANGULATION	15	
SUFFOCATION	20	
TOTAL		909

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

ASPIRATED FOOD IN TRACHEA	3	
ASPIRATED VOMITUS WHILE IN CHILDBIRTH UNDER ANESTHESIA	1	
CHILD ACCIDENTALLY HANGED SELF WHILE AT PLAY	1	
FROM BLOOD DUE TO TONSILLECTOMY	1	
GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1	
INHALATION OF GAS AND SMOKE FROM CIGARETTE FIRED COUCH	1	
INHALATION OF WATER IN FALL IN BATHTUB	1	
SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	2	11

BODILY INJURY:

CUT THROAT FALLING ON SHARP STICK WHILE AT PLAY	1	
FELL AGAINST STOVE	1	
FELL FROM LADDER	1	
FRACTURED BACK DIVING IN SHALLOW WATER	1	
FRACTURED SPINE WHILE SWIMMING	1	
FRACTURED VERTEBRA - JUMPED; WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
HEMORRHAGE IN A FIGHT: ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	7

BURNS:

ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	2	
BABY IN BATH TUB WITH HOT RUNNING WATER	1	
BEDDING IGNITED BY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	3	
BEDDING IGNITED WHILE SMOKING	7	
BURNING OIL WHEN STANDING TRUCK CAUGHT FIRE	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM BONFIRE	2	
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM BURNING PAPER FIRE	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GASOLINE WHILE CLEANING CURTAINS	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS STOVE		
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM OIL STOVE	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED FROM WOOD STOVE	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED WHILE COOKING MEAL	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED WHILE HEATING BABY'S MILK	1	
CLOTHING IGNITED WHILE SMOKING	10	
ELECTRIC PLATE OVERTURNED	1	
EXPLOSION AUTO POLISH IN PREPARATION	1	
EXPLOSION BLOW TORCH	1	
EXPLOSION HOME MADE BOMB	1	
EXPLOSION KEROSENE LAMP	1	
EXPLOSION OIL IN WOOD FIRE	2	
EXPLOSION PAINT REMOVER	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

BURNS, Continued

FELL AGAINST STOVE	1	
FELL INTO TUB HOT WATER	2	
FELL ON STEAM PIPE	1	
HOUSE CAUGHT FIRE	3	
HOUSE STRUCK AND SET FIRE BY FALLING PLANE	1	
IN BURNING BUILDING	2	
IN DIATHERMY TREATMENT	1	
IN GASOLINE FIRE	3	
LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM	1	
LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM: WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
OVERTURNED PAN OF WATER	1	
PLAYING WITH MATCHES	6	
PULLED COFEEE POT OVER ON SELF	1	
SCALDED BY LIVE STEAM	1	
S TRUCK AND BURNED BY AIRPLANE CRASH	3	
SUNBURN O N BEACH	1	
TRAPPED IN BURNING BUILDING	30	
TRAPPED IN BURNING BOAT	1	
TRAPPED IN BURNING TRAILER	1	
VAPORIZER CAUSED BABY CARRIAGE TO CATCH FIRE	1	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	2	111

CRUSHING:

BY FALLING CHIMNEY	1	
CAISSON TURNED OVER	1	
CAUGHT IN AN ELEVATOR	1	
CAUGHT UNDER FALLING METAL	1	
CAUGHT UNDER FALLING TRAILER	1	
FELL FROM AND RUN OVER BY A WAGON	1	
FELL FROM HORSE	1	
FELL FROM ROLLER COASTER	1	
FELL FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
FELL FROM WINDOW	1	
JUMPED FROM WINDOW DURING FIRE	1	
RUN OVER BY TRACTOR WHEN PULLED FROM S AME BY DOG	1	
THROWN FROM TOBOGGAN IN COLLISION WITH TREE	1	
TRACTOR OVERTURNED ON VICTIM	1	14

DROWNING:

ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	10	
BOAT CAPSIZED IN OCEAN	1	
CHILD FELL INTO WATER SUMP HOLE	1	
EXHAUSTED WHILE SWIMMING	2	
FAINTING WHILE IN BATHTUB	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

DROWNING, Continued:

FELL INTO DAM	1	
FELL INTO FISH POND	3	
FELL INTO IRRIGATION DITCH	1	
FELL INTO LAKE WHILE PLAYING	2	
FELL INTO POND	1	
FELL INTO RESERVOIR	1	
FELL INTO RIVER	3	
FELL INTO STORM DRAIN	1	
FELL INTO STORM DRAIN WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE BROTHER	1	
FELL INTO WATER GRAVEL PIT POOL WHILE AT PLAY	2	
FELL FROM BOAT	1	
FELL FROM "HI BOY"	1	
FELL FROM RAFT WHILE PLAYING	3	
FLOOD VICTIM	3	
INABILITY TO SWIM	5	
IN BATHTUB	1	
IN BATHTUB IN EPILEPTIC FIT	1	
IN PLUNGE	5	
PROBABLY DUE TO FAINTING	1	
SWIMMING IN ATHLETIC POOL	1	
SWIMMING IN OCEAN	1	
UNKNOWN	8	
WADING IN SLOUGH	1	
WHILE PLAYING	2	65

ELECTROCUTION:

BY A DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC DRILL	1	
CHILD PLAYING WITH A DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC CORD	1	
CONTACTED EL ECTRIC EQUIPMENT WHILE IN BATHTUB	3	
CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
DOING REPAIR WORK ON ELECTRIC CORD	1	7

FALLS:

FROM BED: ILL HEALTH	2
FROM BED: OLD AGE	4
FROM BICYCLE: LOST CONTROL	1
FROM BUILDING: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3
FROM BUILDING: WHILE REPAIRING ROOF	1
FROM CLIFF: HIKING	1
FROM PORCH: OLD AGE	3
FROM PORCH: RAIL GAVE WAY	1
FROM ROLLER COASTER: STANDING	1
FROM STEPS: OLD AGE	1
FROM TAXI BOAT: ROLLING OF BOAT	1
FROM TREE: WHILE TRIMMING TREES	2
FROM WINDOW: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	5

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

FALLS, Continued

DOWNSTAIRS: INTOXICATION	4	
DOWNSTAIRS: OLD AGE	27	
DOWNSTAIRS: TRIPPED ON STEP	6	
DOWNSTAIRS: UNKNOWN CAUSE	2	
IN DRIVEWAY: OLD AGE	1	
IN YARD: CHILD AT PLAY	1	
IN YARD: OLD AGE	28	
IN YARD: UNKNOWN CAUSE	1	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TO FLOOR: BABY FELL OUT OF HIGH CHAIR	1	
TO FLOOR: FROM WHEEL CHAIR	1	
TO FLOOR: ILL HEALTH	19	
TO FLOOR: IN SLEEP	1	
TO FLOOR: KNOCKED OVER BY EPILEPTIC PATIENT	1	
TO FLOOR: OLD AGE	226	
TO FLOOR: PUSHED BY INSANE PATIENT	2	
TO FLOOR: SLIPPED ON POLISHED FLOOR	6	
TO FLOOR: SLIPPED ON RUG	2	
TO FLOOR: TRIPPED OVER CAT	1	
TO FLOOR: TRIPPED OVER DOG	1	
TO FLOOR: TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	9	
TO FLOOR: UNKNOWN CAUSE	2	
TO STREET: ILL HEALTH	1	
TO STREET: INTOXICATION	1	
TO STREET: JUMPED BACKWARD TO AVOID BEING HIT BY AUTO	1	
TO STREET: OLD AGE	22	
TO STREET: SLIPPED ON WET PAVEMENT	1	
TO STREET: TRIPPED OVER OBJECT	3	
TO STREET: UNKNOWN CAUSE	2	
TO SIDEWALK: OLD AGE	2	
TO SIDEWALK: UNKNOWN	1	
TO GROUND: OLD AGE	2	405

FIREARMS:

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS	2	
ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
CLEANING GUN	2	
PLAYING WITH GUN	2	
REVOLVER DISCHARGED AS IT FELL	3	11

HEAD INJURY:

DUE TO A FALL	27
DUE TO FALL DOWNSTAIRS	10
DUE TO FALL FROM AUTO	1
DUE TO FALL FROM BED	1
DUE TO FALL FROM HIGH WALL	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

HEAD INJURY, Continued:		
DUE TO FALL FROM LADDER	3	
DUE TO FALL FROM ROOF	1	
DUE TO FALL FROM WATER TANK	1	
DUE TO FALL IN CHILDHOOD	1	
DUE TO FALL IN EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	2	
DUE TO FALL IN YARD	1	
DUE TO FALL OF BABY FROM MOTHER'S ARMS	1	
DUE TO FALL OF BABY FROM 3-STORY WINDOW	1	
DUE TO FALL OF BABY FROM PLAY PEN	1	
DUE TO FALL OF BABY TO FLOOR	1	
DUE TO FALL TO BATHROOM FLOOR	1	
DUE TO FALL TO STREET	7	
DUE TO FALL ON STAIRS	1	
DUE TO FALL UNDER HAY BALER	1	
DUE TO FALL WITH OVERTURNED HIGH CHAIR	1	
DUE TO FALL OF CHILD FROM PIANO BENCH	1	
DUE TO FALL TO FLOOR	6	
CAUGHT UNDER FALLING HORSE	1	
FOOT CAUGHT IN STIRRUP	1	
FROM GASOLINE EXPLOSION	1	
IN A FALL DUE TO FAINTING	1	
IN A FALL DURING FIGHT	1	
IN A FALL WHILE PLAYING	2	
RAMMED HEAD ON JAIL BARS WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
STRUCK BY HANDLE OF BABY BUGGY	1	
STRUCK HEAD ON BEAM WHEN HORSE REARED	1	
THROWN AGAINST SIDE OF SLEEPING BERTH ON TRAIN IN MISSOURI	1	
THROWN FROM HORSE	4	
WHILE INTOXICATED	2	
WHILE PLAYING BALL	1	
ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	5	
ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	11	108
HEMORRHAGE:		
BABY SWALLOWED A PIECE OF WIRE	1	1
INFECTION:		
BRUISED FINGER: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
BURNED FOOT: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1	
CUT FINGER: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
CUT HAND: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	2	
CUT HAND: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
DUE TO FALL OF BABY ON STAIRS	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

INFECTION, Continued

FOCAL: FROM EATING TAINTED FOOD	1	
INJURED ARM: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED ARM: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED FOOT: CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED FOOT: GANGRENE DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED FOOT: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	2	
INJURED FOOT: OSTEOMYELITIS DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED LEG: GANGRENE DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED LEG: SEPTIC INFECTION SET UP	1	
INJURED RECTUM: PERITONITIS DEVELOPED	1	
INJURED WHILE PLAYING: SEPTICEMIA DEVELOPED	1	
PROBABLY TETANUS	1	
PULLED HAIR FROM NOSE: INFECTION DEVELOPED	1	
PUNCTURED KNEE WITH A THORN: PERITONITIS DEVELOPED	1	
SEPTIC MENINGITIS FROM AN INFECTED PIMPLE ON NOSE	1	
SLIVER IN FOOT: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
SPLINTER IN FINGER: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
STEPPED ON NAIL: TETANUS DEVELOPED	1	
TRIMMING CORN: CELLULITIS DEVELOPED	1	
VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES: ARACHNOIDITIS DEVELOPED	1	28

MISCELLANEOUS:

BODILY INJURY: CAUSE UNKNOWN	2	
BODILY INJURY: FELL FROM ACTING BARS	1	
BODILY INJURY: FELL FROM FENCE	1	
BODILY INJURY: JUMPED FROM BURNING ROOM	1	
BODILY INJURY: KNOCKED DOWN BY COW	1	
BODILY INJURY: STRUCK BY SWINGING DOOR	1	
BODILY INJURY: SUSTAINED FROM FALL FROM WINDOW	1	
BODILY INJURY: UNABLE TO FIX RESPONSIBILITY	1	
BROKEN BACK: FELL FROM BUILDING	1	
FELL AND PERFORATED ESOPHAGUS: PLAYING	1	
FELL FROM WINDOW OF BURNING HOUSE	1	
FRACTURED NECK: CAUGHT BETWEEN TOP OF LOAD OF STRAW AAND OVERPASS	1	
FRACTURED RIBS: ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
FRACTURED VERTEBRA: DIVED INTO SHALLOW WATER	2	
FRACTURED VERTEBRA: HEAD CAUGHT IN DOOR	1	
FRACTURED VERTEBRAE: FELL OVER BASKET IN MARKET	1	
FRACTURED VERTEBRAE: FELL TO FLOOR	1	
INJURED HAND: TIRE BLOWOUT	1	
PEDESTRIAN KNOCKED DOWN BY BICYCLE	1	
PERFORATION OF LIVER BY CHICKEN BONE	1	
PIERCED EYE: PLAYING	1	
PNEUMONIA INDUCED BY CHILD EATING BON AMI	1	
SHOCK DUE TO FALL: PARALYTIC	1	
STRUCK BY LIGHTNING	1	26

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

POISONING:

ALCOHOLISM	10	
ARSENIC: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3	
ATE POISONOUS MUSHROOMS	1	
BABY INHALED FUMIGATING FUMES	1	
BARBITURATE: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	9	
BARBITURATE: OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	1	
BAY RUM: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	1	
BOTULINUS: ATE INFECTED FOOD	1	
CAMPHORATED OIL: GIVEN CHILD BY MISTAKE FOR COUGH MEDICINE	1	
CARBOLIC ACID: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	5	
CARBON MONOXIDE: FIRE IN RAILWAY BOX CAR	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE: GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	21	
CARBON MONOXIDE: SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	3	
CHILD ATE ANT PASTE	2	
CHILD DRANK OIL OF WINTERGREEN	1	
CHILD TOOK PILLS CONTAINING DRUG	1	
ERROR IN PRESCRIPTION	1	
INGESTION OF TURPENTINE: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
NEMBUTAL: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	3	
NITROBENZENE: ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
OVERDOSE OF BROMIDE	1	
OVERDOSE OF COUGH MEDICINE	1	
OVERDOSE OF DIGITALIS	1	
OVERDOSE OF PARALDEHYDE	1	
PARALDEHYDE: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
POTASSIUM BROMIDE: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
SECONAL: ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	2	
TETRACHLORIDE: DRANK CLEANING FLUID FOR GIN WHILE INTOXICATED	1	79

SHOCK:

DURING TOOTH EXTRACTION UNDER ANESTHETIC	1	1

STRANGULATION:

BABY BECAME ENTANGLED IN DAISY ZIPPER	1	
CHILD ENTANGLED IN ROPE WHILE AT PLAY	4	
CHILD ENTANGLED IN STRAP WHILE AT PLAY	1	
CHOKED ON PIECE OF MEAT	2	
INHALATION OF FOREIGN OBJECT	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES, CONTINUED

STRANGULATION, Continued		
ON A PLUM PIT IN BABY'S THROAT	1	
RATTLE STUCK IN THROAT	1	
REGURGITATION OF FOOD	3	
WHILE FEEDING ON MILK	1	15
SUFFOCATION:		
BABY ENTANGLED IN BEDDING	2	
BABY INHALED FOOD	1	
BABY'S FACE COVERED WITH BEDDING	6	
CHILD CAUGHT NUT SHELL IN THROAT	1	
CHOKED ON FOOD	2	
FUMES FROM DRY ICE	1	
INHALATION OF VOMITUS	1	
SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDING	6	20
GRAND TOTAL		909

SUICIDES

JULY	1942	53	
AUGUST	1942	33	
SEPTEMBER	1942	34	
OCTOBER	1942	41	
NOVEMBER	1942	58	
DECEMBER	1942	42	
JANUARY	1943	33	
FEBRUARY	1943	28	
MARCH	1943	35	
APRIL	1943	51	
MAY	1943	49	
JUNE	1943	38	
	TOTAL		495

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MALE	351	
FEMALE	144	
TOTAL		495

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	299	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S OF L.A.CITY	194	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A.COUNTY	2	
TOTAL		495

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AGES

10 to 20 Years	8	
20 to 45 Years	184	
45 to 65 Years	200	
65 Years and Over	103	
TOTAL		495

SUICIDES
NATURE

BURNING		6
CARBON MONOXIDE: FROM AUTO EXHAUST		32
CUTTING		31
DROWNING		13
ILLUMINATING GAS		24
SHOOTING		166
STARVATION		1
STRANGULATION		67
STRIKING HEAD ON FLOOR		1
JUMPING:		
From auto	1	
From bridge	2	
From building	35	
From fire-escape	1	
From Second Street tunnel	1	
From wall	1	
From window	2	
In front of train	5	48
POISONING:		
Ammonia	1	
Ant Paste	13	
Arsenic	12	
Barbiturate	12	
Bichloride of Mercury	4	
Bromide	1	
Carbolic Acid	2	
Carbon Monoxide	2	
Cyanide	13	
Lysol	11	
Morphine	1	
Nembutal	2	
Nicotine	2	
Phenobarbital	2	
Phosphorus (rat poison)	2	
Potassium Permanganate	1	
Rubbing Alcohol	1	
Seconal	7	
Sodium Amytal	3	
Sodium Fluoride	3	
Strychnine	9	
Sulphuric Acid	2	106
	TOTAL	495

SUICIDES
CAUSES

AFTER ATTEMPTING MURDER	1	
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	11	
DESPONDENCY	5	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	51	
FEAR OF INSANITY	5	
FEAR OF PROSECUTION	8	
FEAR OF PUNISHMENT	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	10	
GAS EXPLODED WHILE IN SUICIDE ATTEMPT	1	
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF FRIEND	1	
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF HUSBAND	5	
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF SISTER	1	
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF SON	3	
GRIEF OVER DEATH OF WIFE	10	
GRIEF OVER ILLNESS OF DIVORCED HUSBAND IN ARMY	1	
ILL HEALTH	232	
INTOXICATION	14	
JUMPING IN FRONT OF TRAIN	1	
LIGHTED MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM	1	
LOVE AFFAIR	6	
MENTALLY DERANGED	22	
NERVOUS BREAKDOWN	1	
SUICIDE PACT	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	4	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	99	
TOTAL		495

HOMICIDES

JULY	1942	12	
AUGUST	1942	7	
SEPTEMBER	1942	6	
OCTOBER	1942	6	
NOVEMBER	1942	15	
DECEMBER	1942	12	
JANUARY	1943	8	
FEBRUARY	1943	7	
MARCH	1943	10	
APRIL	1943	12	
MAY	1943	14	
JUNE	1943	11	
	TOTAL		120

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MALE	90	
FEMALE	30	
TOTAL		120

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	87	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S L.A.CITY	31	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL		120

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AGES

Less than 1 Year	3	
5 to 10 Years	1	
10 to 20 Years	13	
20 to 45 Years	71	
45 to 65 Years	23	
65 Years and Over	9	
TOTAL		120

HOMICIDES
NATURE

BEATEN	1	
DECAPITATION	1	
FIGHTING	17	
POISONING	2	
SHOOTING	57	
STABBING	19	
STRANGULATION	7	
STRIKING	9	
STRUCK WITH AN OBJECT	6	
UNKNOWN NATURE	1	
TOTAL		120

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JUSTIFIABLE	20	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	96	
UNKNOWN	1	
ACCIDENTAL	2	
INVOLUNTARY	1	
TOTAL		120

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BY A KNOWN PERSON	65	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	26	
BY OFFICER	11	
BY HUSBAND	8	
BY WIFE	4	
BY FATHER	3	
BY MOTHER (MENTALLY DERANGED)	1	
BY PLAYMATE	2	
TOTAL		120

HOMICIDES
CAUSES

ACCIDENTAL:		
SHOT BY PLAYMATE PLAYING WITH REVOLVER		
TOTAL	2	2
INVOLUNTARY:		
DURING A DRUNKEN BRAWL		
TOTAL	1	1
JUSTIFIABLE:		
DURING ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	1	
DURING HOLDUP	1	
EVADING ARREST	10	
PROWLING	1	
SELF-DEFENSE	6	
TOTAL		19
UNJUSTIFIABLE:		
BEATEN BY UNKNOWN PERSON	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	10	
DURING ARGUMENT	2	
DURING ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT	1	
DURING DRUNKEN BRAWL	2	
DURING FIGHT	42	
DURING HOLDUP	3	
DURING ROBBERY	1	
FOUND DISMEMBERED IN LARGE BOTTLE IN SEWER	1	
EVADING ARREST	1	
JEALOUSY	5	
LOVE AFFAIR	2	
MENTALLY DERANGED	3	
STRANGLED BY UNKNOWN PERSON IN ROBBERY	2	
UNKNOWN (BY A LATER SUICIDE)	2	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	19	
WHILE IN CUSTODY OF POLICE	1	
TOTAL		98
GRAND TOTAL		120

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL BY PHYSICIAN	1	
CRIMINAL BY UNKNOWN PERSON	1	
INCOMPLETE BY PHYSICIAN	2	
SELF-INDUCED	9	
SPONTANEOUS	2	
UNDETERMINED WHETHER CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED	4	
UNKNOWN CAUSE	4	
TOTAL		23

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	15	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	2	
UNKNOWN LOCATION	6	
TOTAL		23

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MARRIED	21	
SINGLE	1	
WIDOWED	1	
TOTAL		23

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AGES

10 to 20 Years	3	
20 to 45 Years	19	
AGE UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL		23

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	8	
FEMALE	2	10

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	10	10

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AGES

20 to 45 Years	3	
45 to 65 Years	6	
65 Years and Over	1	10

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UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	3	
FEMALE	5	8

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	5	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3	8

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AGES

20 to 45 Years	4	
45 to 65 Years	1	
65 Years and Over	2	
UNKNOWN	1	8

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POSTMORTEM DEGENERATION	3	
UNDETERMINED AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	5	8

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1942	0	
AUGUST	1942	0	
SEPTEMBER	1942	2	
OCTOBER	1942	0	
NOVEMBER	1942	0	
DECEMBER	1942	0	
JANUARY	1943	0	
FEBRUARY	1943	0	
MARCH	1943	1	
APRIL	1943	0	
MAY	1943	0	
JUNE	1943	2	
	TOTAL		5

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MALE			
	TOTAL	5	5

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IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		4	
O/S OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES: DEATH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY			
	TOTAL	1	5

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PASSENGER		1	
PILOT			
	TOTAL	4	5

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

CONTINUED

AGES

20	to	45	Years		3	
45	to	65	Years		2	
				TOTAL		5

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CAUSES

AIRPLANE CRASHED	4	
STRUCK BY AIRPLANE	1	
TOTAL		5

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TYPE OF PLANE

ARMY	1	
PLEASURE PLANE	3	
TYPE UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL		5

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L.A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM	TOTALS
JULY	1942	28	36	64
AUGUST	1942	31	29	60
SEPTEMBER	1942	33	33	66
OCTOBER	1942	14	25	39
NOVEMBER	1942	36	40	76
DECEMBER	1942	46	48	94
JANUARY	1943	42	44	86
FEBRUARY	1943	40	42	82
MARCH	1943	43	33	76
APRIL	1943	35	35	70
MAY	1943	49	26	75
JUNE	1943	37	32	69
	TOTAL	434	423	857

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	U.S. ARMY	TOTALS
JULY	1942	254	280	4	1	539
AUGUST	1942	231	240	11		482
SEPTEMBER	1942	229	249	12		490
OCTOBER	1942	241	255	10		506
NOVEMBER	1942	283	320	9		612
DECEMBER	1942	324	305	9	1	639
JANUARY	1943	326	334	13		673
FEBRUARY	1943	296	270	14		580
MARCH	1943	294	342	12		648
APRIL	1943	292	311	7		610
MAY	1943	292	245	7		544
JUNE	1943	226	220	3		449
	TOTAL	3288	3371	111	2	6772

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUMBER OF BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE		191
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	212	
" " " " " CATHOLIC " " "	66	278
NUMBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SEC. 4300h OF PENAL CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE		39
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED		508
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED: FEES COLLECTED		2379
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY		2887
NUMBER EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY		399
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY		3286
NUMBER OF CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY		3545
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1942 TO JUNE 30, 1943		6831

NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS: NO AUTOPSY	59
MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	12,432
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	40,642
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	13,150
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	313
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	857
" " " FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	85
" " " " DISTRICT ATTORNEY	857
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	3428
NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY WRITTEN	11,878
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	5915
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF JURIES	857
NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	7713
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOENED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	5142
NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	98
NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN: THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	203

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF MICROSCOPICAL EXAMINATIONS	336
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	28
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	38
NUMBER OF CROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR ECIDENCE	23
NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	231
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS FOR CYANIDE	24
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS FOR STRYCHNINE	15
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY	743
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES	3415

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1942-43

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES
SALARIES AND WAGES	$121,282.00	$119,830.61
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	17,200.00	14,396.24
CAPITAL OUTLAY	762.00	645.73
TOTAL	$139,244.00	$134,872.58

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REVENUES COLLECTED

FISCAL YEAR 1942-43

EMBALMING FLUID	$36,120.00
PREPARATION FEES	1,772.13
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	1,816.95
WITNESS FEES	78.90
TOTAL	$39,787.98