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August 29, 1949.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

Gentlemen:

We are presenting herewith the annual report of the office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1949.

This report contains a summary of the year's accomplishments and sets forth the statistical and financial reports.

The fine support we have received from the Honorable Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer we feel has enabled this department, during the fiscal year, to continue to improve in the field of scientific determination of the cause of death.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben H. Brown

BEN H. BROWN, Coroner.

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County of Los Angeles, California

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1949

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REPORT OF BEN H. BROWN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1948-49

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JULY	1948	577	
AUGUST	1948	582	
SEPTEMBER	1948	553	
OCTOBER	1948	572	
NOVEMBER	1948	638	
DECEMBER	1948	746	
JANUARY	1949	782	
FEBRUARY	1949	662	
MARCH	1949	658	
APRIL	1949	564	
MAY	1949	630	
JUNE	1949	575	
	TOTAL	7539	7539

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MALE	5076	
FEMALE	2463	
TOTAL	7539	7539

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4325	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3214	
TOTAL	7539	7539

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:

AEROPLANE	28
ALCOHOLISM	7
ASPHYXIATION	10
BURNS	103
CRUSHING	5
DROWNING	53
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	24
ELECTROCUTION	6
FALLS	501
FIREARMS	15
HEAD INJURIES	94
INDUSTRIAL	85
INFECTION	18
MISCELLANEOUS	32
MOTOR VEHICLES	745
POISONING	143
STEAM RAILWAY	9
STRANGULATION	14
SUFFOCATION	34
TOTAL	1926
ABORTIONS	11
HOMICIDES	132

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

NATURAL CAUSES		4743	
PREMATURE BIRTHS		3	
STILLBORN		36	
SUICIDES		675	
UNKNOWN		13	
	TOTAL	5613	7539

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1948	57	2	2	61
AUGUST	1948	79	2	3	84
SEPTEMBER	1948	51	3	0	54
OCTOBER	1948	61	1	0	62
NOVEMBER	1948	54	2	0	56
DECEMBER	1948	90	1	1	92
JANUARY	1949	67	3	1	71
FEBRUARY	1949	60	1	1	62
MARCH	1949	52	4	0	56
APRIL	1949	49	1	1	51
MAY	1949	70	2	0	72
JUNE	1949	55	2	0	57
	TOTAL	745	24	9	778

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

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

JULY	1948	30	
AUGUST	1948	28	
SEPTEMBER	1948	23	
OCTOBER	1948	30	
NOVEMBER	1948	21	
DECEMBER	1948	38	
JANUARY	1949	40	
FEBRUARY	1949	16	
MARCH	1949	22	
APRIL	1949	19	
MAY	1949	34	
JUNE	1949	17	
	TOTAL	318	318

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MALE	221	
FEMALE	97	
TOTAL	318	318

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	150	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES CITY	166	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	2	
TOTAL	318	318

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

AGES

1	to	2 YEARS	7	
2	to	5 YEARS	22	
5	to	10 YEARS	24	
10	to	20 YEARS	8	
20	to	45 YEARS	46	
45	to	65 YEARS	85	
65	YEARS AND OVER		126	
		TOTAL	318	318

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AT AN INTERSECTION	147	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	171	
TOTAL	318	318

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	97	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	219	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	318	318

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NATURE

AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	265	
AUTO, AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	5	
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	7	
MOTORCYCLE & PEDESTRIAN	1	
MOTOR SCOOTER & PEDESTRIAN	1	
MOTOR, STREET SWEEPER & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TAXI & PEDESTRIAN	2	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	35	
TRUCK & TRAILER & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TOTAL	318	318

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

BACKING	6	
BLINDED BY SUN	2	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	76	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	75	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	3	
FALL FROM TRICYCLE	1	
FELL OFF TRUCK BUMPER	1	
FELL UNDER BUS	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	13	
IMPROPER RIDING	2	
INTOXICATION	2	
JUMPED FROM TRUCK	1	
LACK OF CARE AND CAUTION	1	
LYING IN STREET	2	
NEGLIGENT PARKING	1	
PARKED AUTO ROLLED BACKWARD	1	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	3	
PLAYING IN ALLEY	2	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	6	
PLAYING IN STREET	6	
POOR ILLUMINATION	1	
RAN IN FRONT OF CAR	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	72	
RUNNING IN STREET	13	
SLIPPED AND FELL UNDER TRUCK WHEEL	1	
SPEEDING	1	
STALLED TRUCK PUSHED BY ANOTHER TRUCK	1	
STANDING IN STREET	2	
STRUCK BY OPEN DOOR	1	
WALKING IN STREET	10	
UNKNOWN	8	
TOTAL	318	318

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	62	
FEMALE DRIVERS	9	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	20	
TOTAL	91	91
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:		
MALE DRIVERS	89	
FEMALE DRIVERS	8	
TOTAL	97	97
JURY UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY:	1	1
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:		
MALE DRIVERS	117	
FEMALE DRIVERS	5	
TOTAL	122	122
DRIVERLESS CAR	5	
UNKNOWN DRIVER	2	
TOTAL	7	7
TOTAL		318

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HIT AND RUN CASES	20
HAD BEEN DRINKING:	
PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.)	41

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1948	27	
AUGUST	1948	51	
SEPTEMBER	1948	28	
OCTOBER	1948	31	
NOVEMBER	1948	33	
DECEMBER	1948	52	
JANUARY	1949	27	
FEBRUARY	1949	44	
MARCH	1949	30	
APRIL	1949	30	
MAY	1949	36	
JUNE	1949	38	
	TOTAL	427	427

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MALE	323	
FEMALE	104	
TOTAL	427	427

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	128	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	286	
O/S LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	13	
TOTAL	427	427

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	1	
1 to 2 YEARS	1	
2 to 5 YEARS	5	
5 to 10 YEARS	8	
10 to 20 YEARS	73	
20 to 45 YEARS	221	
45 to 65 YEARS	75	
65 YEARS AND OVER	43	
TOTAL	427	427

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AT AN INTERSECTION	223	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	204	
TOTAL	427	427

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	178	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	248	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	427	427

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE

COLLISION:

AMBULANCE & TRUCK-TRAILER	3
AUTO & AMBULANCE	1
AUTO & AUTO	101
AUTO & AUTOETTE	2
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	5
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	2
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	1
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK & SEMI-TRAILER	4
AUTO & BICYCLE	13
AUTO & BRIDGE	1
AUTO & BUILDING	1
AUTO & BUS	5
AUTO & CONCRETE FENCE	1
AUTO & CURB	3
AUTO & CURB & TREE	1
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	28
AUTO & EMBANKMENT	2
AUTO & EMBANKMENT & AUTO	2
AUTO & FIREPLUG	1
AUTO & HORSE & AUTO	1
AUTO & MOTORBIKE	1
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	18
AUTO & MOTORSCOOTER	8
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	2
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK	3
AUTO & POLE	20
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	19
AUTO, TAXI & AUTO	1
AUTO & TIMBER BARRIER	1
AUTO & TREE	12
AUTO & TRUCK	39
AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	13
AUTO, TRUCK & TRUCK	1
AUTO & WALL	3
BUS & BICYCLE	1
BUS & MOTORCYCLE	1
MOTORBIKE & PARKED AUTO	1
MOTORCYCLE & BRIDGE ABUTMENT	1
MOTORCYCLE & CURB	2
MOTORCYCLE & GUARD RAIL	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

COLLISION:

MOTORCYCLE & PARKED TRUCK	2	
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE & STALLED AUTO	1	
MOTORCYCLE & STEAM RAILWAY	2	
MOTORCYCLE, MOTORCYCLE & PARKED TRUCK	1	
MOTORCYCLE & TREE	1	
MOTORSCOOTER & CURB	1	
MOTORSCOOTER & PARKED TRUCK	1	
MOTORSCOOTER & TRACTOR SEMI-TRAILER	1	
MOTORSCOOTER & TREE	1	
TAXI & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1	
TRACTOR & STEAM RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & BICYCLE	2	
TRUCK & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	3	
TRUCK & EMBANKMENT	1	
TRUCK & MOTORBIKE	1	
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	5	
TRUCK & MOTORSCOOTER	1	
TRUCK & POLE	1	
TRUCK & STEAM RAILWAY	6	
TRUCK & TREE	2	
TRUCK-TRAILER & BICYCLE	1	
TRUCK-TRAILER & EMBANKMENT	1	
TOTAL	364	

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO OVERTURNED	36	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	11	
FARM TRACTOR OVERTURNED	1	
JUMPED FROM VEHICLE	1	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	6	
MOTORSCOOTER OVERTURNED	1	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	7	
TOTAL	63	427

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES

COLLISION:

AUTO SKIDDED DURING RACE	1
AVOIDING COLLISION	3
BACKING	1
BICYCLE ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	1
BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS	2
CUTTING IN AND OUT OF PARKED CARS	1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	5
DRIVER ASLEEP	4
DRIVER CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	1
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	19
EVADING ARREST	1
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	3
HEART ATTACK	1
HORSE BOLTED - STRUCK BY AUTO	1
IMPROPER PARKING	3
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	48
INTOXICATION	2
LIGHTS	2
LOST CONTROL	43
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	30
PASSING ON CURVE	1
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	1
RECKLESS DRIVING	91
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	82
SKIDDING	5
TIRE BLOW OUT	1
WEATHER CONDITION	7
UNKNOWN	4
TOTAL	364

NON-COLLISION:

AVOIDING COLLISION	1
BACKING	1
CHILD OPENED DOOR	1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2
EMERGENCY BRAKE RELEASED	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:

IMPROPER RIDING	5	
INTOXICATION	2	
LOST CONTROL	36	
NEGLIGENT HANDLING	1	
OLD AGE	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING	6	
SKIDDING	1	
TIRE BLOW OUT	1	
TRUCK MADE SHARP TURN	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	63	427

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD RESPONSIBLE BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		77	
FEMALE DRIVERS		10	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		3	
	TOTAL	90	
EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		82	
FEMALE DRIVERS		7	
TRAIN CREWS		2	
	TOTAL	91	
JURY UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY:		1	
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:			
MALE DRIVERS		226	
FEMALE DRIVERS		18	
NO DRIVER		1	
	TOTAL	245	427

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HAD BEEN DRINKING:

DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 50

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1948	2	
AUGUST	1948	2	
SEPTEMBER	1948	3	
OCTOBER	1948	1	
NOVEMBER	1948	2	
DECEMBER	1948	1	
JANUARY	1949	3	
FEBRUARY	1949	1	
MARCH	1949	4	
APRIL	1949	1	
MAY	1949	2	
JUNE	1949	2	
	TOTAL	24	24

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MALE	21	
FEMALE	3	
TOTAL	24	24

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	16	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	8	
TOTAL	24	24

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

20 to 45 YEARS	6	
45 to 65 YEARS	6	
65 YEARS AND OVER	12	
TOTAL	24	24

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	24	24

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CAUSES

CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	6	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
FELL IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	1	
INTOXICATION	2	
LACK OF CARE AND CAUTION BY MOTORMAN	1	
PEDESTRIAN LYING IN STREET	1	
RECKLESS DRIVING OF P.E. TRAIN	1	
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED	4	
VIOLATION OF PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY	1	
WALKING ON TRACKS	4	
WALKING THROUGH TUNNEL	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	24	24

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1948	2	
AUGUST	1948	3	
SEPTEMBER	1948	0	
OCTOBER	1948	0	
NOVEMBER	1948	0	
DECEMBER	1948	1	
JANUARY	1949	1	
FEBRUARY	1949	1	
MARCH	1949	0	
APRIL	1949	1	
MAY	1949	0	
JUNE	1949	0	
	TOTAL	9	9

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MALE	8	
FEMALE	1	
TOTAL	9	9

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	4	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	9	9

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AGES

5 to 10 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	2	
45 to 65 YEARS	5	
65 YEARS AND OVER	1	
TOTAL	9	9

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	2	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	7	
TOTAL	9	9

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CAUSES

CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	1	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
FELL FROM ENGINE TENDER	1	
FELL UNDER TRAIN	1	
NEGLIGENT AT RAILROAD	1	
PLAYING ON RAILROAD TRACKS	1	
RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATED	2	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	9	9

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SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLES	544	201	745
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	21	3	24
STEAM RAILWAY	8	1	9
TOTAL	573	205	778

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1948	9	
AUGUST	1948	6	
SEPTEMBER	1948	4	
OCTOBER	1948	5	
NOVEMBER	1948	17	
DECEMBER	1948	6	
JANUARY	1949	7	
FEBRUARY	1949	3	
MARCH	1949	9	
APRIL	1949	9	
MAY	1949	5	
JUNE	1949	5	
	TOTAL	85	85

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MALE	83	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	85	85

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	36	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	45	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	4	
TOTAL	85	85

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10 to 20 YEARS	4	
20 to 45 YEARS	46	
45 to 65 YEARS	32	
65 YEARS AND OVER	3	
TOTAL	85	85

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	5	
BODILY INJURY	13	
BURNS	7	
CRUSHING	7	
DROWNING	2	
ELECTROCUTION	7	
FALLS	6	
FRACTURED VERTEBRA	1	
HEAD INJURY	19	
INFECTION	6	
LEG INJURIES	1	
MACHINERY	5	
POISONING	2	
SUFFOCATION	3	
SUFFOCATION & CO POISONING	1	
TOTAL	85	85

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

CAVE-IN OF DITCH	1	
BROKEN GAS LINE	2	
OVERCOME BY SEWER GAS	2	
TOTAL	5	5

BODILY INJURY:

FALL FROM COMPANION WAY	1	
FALL FROM FIREWALL	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM OIL DERRICK	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
FALL FROM STORAGE TANK	1	
FALL TO FLOOR	1	
LIFTING	1	
MACHINERY FAILURE WHILE TESTING	1	
PINNED TO WALL BY TRUCK	1	
STRUCK BY LUMBER	1	
STRUCK BY PIECE OF SLAG	1	
THROWN FROM TOP OF FREIGHT CAR UPON CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	1	
TOTAL	13	13

BURNS:

BURNING WASTE MATERIAL	1	
CHEMICAL EXPLOSION	1	
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM ELECTRIC STOVE	1	
EXPLOSION	1	
ELECTRIC FLASH EXPLOSION	1	
FELL IN VAT OF CAUSTIC SODA	1	
IMPROPER HANDLING OF MACHINERY	1	
TOTAL	7	7

CRUSHING:

BULLDOZER OVERTURNED	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN ELEVATOR PLATFORM & CEILING	1	
DUMP TRUCK HOIST GAVE WAY	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
MACHINERY OVERTURNED	1	
TRACTOR BACKED OVER VICTIM	1	
TRACTOR OVERTURNED ON VICTIM	1	
TOTAL	7	7

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

DROWNING:		
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	1	
FELL FROM UNDERSIDE OF PIER	1	
TOTAL	2	2
ELECTROCUTION:		
BODY CONTACT WITH LIGHT TUBE	1	
CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	3	
CONTACT WITH LIGHT SWITCH	1	
CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	1	
CONTACT WITH RADIO TRANSFORMER	1	
TOTAL	7	7
FALLS:		
FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1	
FELL DOWN STAIRS	1	
FELL FROM SCAFFOLD	2	
LOST BALANCE	1	
SLIPPED AND FELL FROM CHAIR	1	
TOTAL	6	6
FRACTURED VERTEBRA:		
EXPLOSION - WELDING TORCH IGNITED GAS	1	1
HEAD INJURY:		
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
FALL FROM CRANE	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM LOCOMOTIVE	1	
FALL FROM PLATFORM	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	4	
FALL FROM STAGING	1	
FALL FROM TREE	1	
FELL FROM LIGHT POLE	1	
FELL ON STAIRS	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING COTTON BALES	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING METAL	2	
STRUCK BY FALLING PIPE	1	
STRUCK BY SNATCH BLOCK	1	
TIRES SLIPPED FROM SLING	1	
TOTAL	19	19

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INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

INFECTION:		
CAUGHT FOOT IN CEMENT FINISHING MACHINE	1	
CRUSHED FINGER	1	
CUT FINGER ON RUSTY CAN	1	
INJURED EYE WHILE WELDING	1	
STRUCK LEG AGAINST TUB	1	
TETANUS - CAUGHT HAND IN MACHINERY	1	
TOTAL	6	6
LEG INJURIES:		
STRUCK LEG ON TIMBER	1	1
MACHINERY:		
ARM CAUGHT IN MACHINERY	1	
BLADE ON WOOD LATHE CAME LOOSE	1	
CAUGHT IN CONCRETE MIXER	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	5	5
POISONING:		
CHEMICALS USED IN CLEANING FLOOR	1	
INHALATION OF SILICA DUST WHILE MINING	1	
TOTAL	2	2
SUFFOCATION:		
CAVE-IN OF DIRT BANK	2	
FELL INTO CEMENT MIXER	1	
TOTAL	3	3
SUFFOCATION AND CO POISONING:		
OVERCOME BY SMOKE AND FUMES WHILE FIGHTING FIRE	1	1
TOTAL	85	85

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1948	83	
AUGUST	1948	81	
SEPTEMBER	1948	86	
OCTOBER	1948	66	
NOVEMBER	1948	91	
DECEMBER	1948	102	
JANUARY	1949	118	
FEBRUARY	1949	79	
MARCH	1949	73	
APRIL	1949	95	
MAY	1949	73	
JUNE	1949	83	
	TOTAL	1030	1030

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MALE	504	
FEMALE	526	
TOTAL	1030	1030

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	536	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	471	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	17	
LOCATION UNKNOWN	6	
TOTAL	1030	1030

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	45	
1 to 2 YEARS	18	
2 to 5 YEARS	29	
5 to 10 YEARS	20	
10 to 20 YEARS	23	
20 to 45 YEARS	162	
45 to 65 YEARS	193	
65 YEARS AND OVER	540	
TOTAL	1030	1030

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NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	9	
BODILY INJURY	17	
BURNS	99	
CRUSHING	5	
DROWNING	53	
ELECTROCUTION	6	
EXPLOSION	7	
FALLS	502	
FIREARMS	14	
FRACTURED HIP	1	
HEAD INJURIES	94	
HEMORRHAGE	1	
INFECTION	18	
JUMPED OR FELL	1	
PERFORATED COLON	1	
POISONING	144	
PULMONARY EDEMA	3	
STABBING	2	
STRANGULATION	14	
SUFFOCATION	36	
SWALLOWED COINS	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	1030	1030

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE: INHALING OF FUMES	1	
FUMES - FIRE IN HOME	1	
FUMES - OVERCOME BY SMOKE	1	
FUMES - SMOKE FROM HOUSE ON FIRE	1	
INHALATION OF BUTANE GAS	2	
ILLUMINATING GAS IN CLOSED ROOM	1	
REGURGITATION OF FOOD	1	
SWALLOWED MARBLE	1	
TOTAL	9	9

BODILY INJURY:

FALL DOWN STAIRS	2	
FALL FROM CLIFF	1	
FALL FROM FIRE ESCAPE	2	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL TO FLOOR	2	
FELL ON PICKET FENCE	1	
JACK SANK IN SOFT PAVEMENT WHILE CHANGING TIRE	1	
STEEL ROD PUNCTURED RIGHT LEG	1	
STRUCK BY BOOM	1	
STRUCK BY ELECTRIC FAN BLADE	1	
TWISTED AND FRACTURED HIP WHILE SITTING IN BED	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	17	17

BURNS:

BONFIRE - BURNING RUBBISH	1
BONFIRE - CLOTHING AFIRE WHILE BURNING TRASH	1
BONFIRE - KEROSENE EXPLODED WHILE BURNING TRASH	1
CIGARETTE - BEDDING CAUGHT FIRE	1
CIGARETTE - CLOTHING IGNITED	1
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	1
CIGARETTE - FELL ON BURNING MATTRESS	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

BURNS: (Cont'd.)

CIGARETTE - FURNITURE AFIRE	2
CIGARETTE - INTOXICATED	1
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	6
CLOTHING AFIRE - GASOLINE IGNITED FROM AUTO	1
CLOTHING CAUGHT AFIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - BUTANE EXPLOSION IN TLR.	1
CONFLAGRATION - CAUGHT IN BRUSH FIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - EXPLOSION OF BUTANE	1
CONFLAGRATION - GARAGE AFIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	18
CONFLAGRATION - STABLE AFIRE	1
ELECTRICITY - CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	3
GASOLINE	2
GASOLINE - IGNITED FROM PILOT LIGHT	1
GASOLINE - RAN THROUGH FLAMING GASOLINE	1
GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED	1
ILLUMINATING GAS	1
INCINERATOR - CLOTHING CAUGHT AFIRE	1
MATCHES - CLOTHING AFIRE	2
PAINT THINNER IGNITED	1
PLAYING TOO NEAR INCINERATOR	1
SCALDS	1
SCALDS - FELL INTO BOILING WATER	2
SCALDS - COFFEE SCALDED VICTIM	1
SCALDS - IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - PRESSURE COOKER EXPLODED	1
STOVE - BEDDING AFIRE FROM ELECTRIC HOT PLATE	1
STOVE - BED CLOTHING AFIRE	1
STOVE - CLOTHING AFIRE	4
STOVE - CLOTHING AFIRE FROM GAS HEATER	10
STOVE - CLOTHING AFIRE FROM ELECTRIC HOT PLATE	1
STOVE - CLOTHING AFIRE FROM GAS STOVE	3
STOVE - CLOTHING AFIRE FROM WOOD STOVE	1
STOVE - FELL AGAINST GAS HEATER	3
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF BUTANE STOVE	3
STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED	2
STOVE - GAS EXPLOSION IN HOUSE TRAILER	1
STOVE - GAS HEATER SET HOUSE AFIRE	1
STOVE - GAS HEATER OVERTURNED	1
X-RAY - TREATED FOR SCALP RINGWORM	1
UNKNOWN - AUTO TANK IGNITED	1
UNKNOWN - GAS EXPLOSION	1
UNKNOWN	3
TOTAL	99

99

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

CRUSHING:

CAVEIN OF RESERVOIR ROOF	1	
CAUGHT IN AUTOMATIC ELEVATOR	1	
COLLAPSE OF BRICK COLUMN	1	
FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT	1	
TRACTOR OVERTURNED	1	
TOTAL	5	5

DROWNING:

BROTHER TURNED ON WATER IN BATH TUB	2	
CAUGHT IN KELP	1	
DIVER CAUGHT BETWEEN ROCKS	1	
FALL FROM BOAT	1	
FALL FROM BREAKWATER	1	
FALL FROM DIVING BOARD	1	
FALL FROM DOCK	2	
FALL FROM FOOT BRIDGE	1	
FALL FROM RAFT	1	
FALL FROM RETAINING WALL	1	
FELL IN BATH TUB	2	
FELL INTO BATH TUB	1	
FELL INTO FISH POND	2	
FELL INTO POOL OF WATER	1	
FELL INTO OCEAN	2	
FELL INTO RESERVOIR	1	
FELL INTO STORM DRAIN POOL	1	
FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	2	
FELL IN WATER HOLE	1	
FELL IN WEIR BOX	1	
IMMERSED IN BATHINETTE	1	
JUMPED INTO WATER FOR OAR	1	
PLANE CRASH INTO OCEAN	1	
PLAYING IN STORM DRAIN	1	
RUBBER LIFE RAFT CAPSIZED	1	
UNABLE TO SWIM	3	
WASHED FROM BREAKWATER	1	
ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	8	
UNKNOWN	10	
TOTAL	53	53

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	2	
CONTACTED LIVE WIRES	1	
CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC APPLIANCE	1	
DEFECTIVE WIRING	1	
ELECTRIC HEATER FELL INTO BATHTUB	1	
TOTAL	6	6

EXPLOSION:

CRUDE OIL - EXPLOSION OF TANK	3	
IGNITION OF GASOLINE	1	
PLAYING WITH CHEMICALS	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	7	7

FALLS:

DOWN MOUNTAIN - SLIPPED AND LOST BALANCE	1
DOWN STEPS - OLD AGE	7
DOWN STEPS - TRIPPED	2
DOWN STAIRS - ILL HEALTH	1
DOWN STAIRS - INTOXICATION	1
DOWN STAIRS - LOST BALANCE	1
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	11
DOWN STAIRS - POOR VISION	1
FELL IN OUTSIDE TOILET - UNKNOWN	1
FROM BED - CONVULSIONS	1
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	5
FROM BED - OLD AGE	12
FROM BOX CAR - UNKNOWN	1
FROM BRIDGE - APOPLECTIC STROKE	1
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	2
FROM BUILDING - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1
FROM BUILDING - UNKNOWN	1
FROM CHAIR - CHAIR LEG BROKE	1
FROM CHAIR - CHAIR OVERTURNED	1
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	1
FROM FIRE ESCAPE - INTOXICATION	1
FROM LADDER - BROKEN RUNG	1
FROM LADDER - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM LADDER - OLD AGE	2

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.)

FROM PORCH - HEART ATTACK	1
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	2
FROM PORCH - SLIPPED ON ICE	1
FROM STOOL - UNKNOWN	1
FROM TREE - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - OLD AGE	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - WHEEL CAME OFF	1
FROM WINDOW - CHILD AT PLAY	1
FROM WINDOW - LOST BALANCE	1
IN BATH TUB - OLD AGE	2
IN PATIO - OLD AGE	1
INTO OPEN SEWER - SLIPPED	1
ON ELEVATOR FLOOR - TRIPPED	1
ON STAIRS - OLD AGE	3
OVER EMBANKMENT - EVADING ARREST	1
OVER STOOL - OLD AGE	1
THRU GLASS SHOWER DOOR - SLIPPED ON FLOOR	1
TO CEMENT STEPS - OLD AGE	1
TO CREEK BED - UNKNOWN	1
TO FLOOR - ANEMIC	1
TO FLOOR - CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE	1
TO FLOOR - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
TO FLOOR - ILL HEALTH	11
TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	5
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	315
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE AND BLIND	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON ORANGE PEEL	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON POLISHED FLOOR	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON WET FLOOR	1
TO FLOOR - STRUCK BY OPENING DOOR	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER CHILD	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER RUG	2
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER X-RAY MACHINE	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER SCREEN	1
TO FLOOR - UNDER INFLUENCE OF PARALDAHYDE	1
TO FLOOR - UNKNOWN	1
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	28
TO GROUND - STEPPED IN GOPHER HOLE	1
TO GROUND - TRIPPED	1
TO GROUND - UNKNOWN	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.)

TO PAVEMENT - WIND BLEW GARAGE DOOR	1	
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	1	
TO STREET - EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
TO STREET - ILL HEALTH	2	
TO STREET - INTOXICATION	2	
TO STREET - OLD AGE	27	
TO STREET - SLIPPED	3	
TO STREET - SLIPPED ON WET PAVEMENT	1	
TO STREET - STEPPED FROM BUS AND FELL	1	
TO STREET - WHILE BOARDING BUS	1	
TO STREET - UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	502	502

FIREARMS:

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN	2	
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF SHOT GUN	1	
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE WHILE CLEANING	1	
CARELESS HANDLING OF FIREARMS	2	
PLAYING WITH REVOLVER	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	6	
TOTAL	14	14

FRACTURED HIP:

UNDETERMINED	1	1

HEAD INJURIES:

BLOW TORCH EXPLODED	1
DRAGGED BY HORSE	1
DURING CHILDHOOD	1
DURING DIFFICULT DELIVERY	1
FALL AGAINST BATH TUB	1
FALL DOWN STAIRS	9
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1
FALL FROM BED	2
FALL FROM BUILDING	1
FALL FROM CLIFF	1
FALL FROM HORSE	2
FALL FROM LADDER	1
FALL FROM LEDGE	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.)

FALL FROM PLAYGROUND APPARATUS	1	
FALL FROM PORCH	2	
FALL FROM RAILROAD TRESTLE	1	
FALL FROM WINDOW	2	
FALL OFF STOOL	1	
FALL ON STEPS	1	
FALL TO FLOOR	22	
FALL TO GROUND	5	
FALL TO SIDEWALK	4	
FALL TO STREET	11	
FALL TO STREET - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
FALL WHILE INTOXICATED	3	
FELL IN BATH TUB	1	
FELL IN DITCH	1	
FELL OR JUMPED FROM BRIDGE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
HORSE FELL ON VICTIM	1	
INJURED AT BIRTH	1	
JUMPED FROM BED	1	
LADDER COLLAPSED & MAN FELL ON VICTIM	1	
LOST FOOTING	1	
MOTHER FELL ON BABY	1	
RAN IN FRONT OF AIRPLANE	1	
STRUCK BY CHILD IN SWING	1	
STRUCK BY PITCHED BASEBALL	1	
TOBOGGAN STRUCK TREE	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENTAL OR HOMICIDAL	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	94	94

HEMORRHAGE:

FOLLOWING TOOTH EXTRACTION	1	1

INFECTION:

BITTEN BY DOG	3
BLISTER ON HEEL	1
CAUGHT LEG IN SPOKE OF BICYCLE	1
FALL TO FLOOR	1
FINGER MASHED IN AUTO DOOR	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

INFECTION: (Cont'd.)		
FOREIGN BODY LODGED IN NOSE	1	
INJECTION WITH UNSTERILE NEEDLE	1	
JUMPED ON NAIL	1	
PASSAGE OF SOUND INSTRUMENT	1	
STEPPED ON BONE	1	
TETANUS - CHAIR FELL ON FOOT	1	
TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL	2	
TETANUS - STEPPED ON SLIVER	1	
TETANUS - STRUCK FINGER WITH HAMMER	2	
TOTAL	18	18
JUMPED OR FELL:		
FROM BALCONY - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL	1	1
PERFORATED COLON:		
SELF ADMINISTERED ENEMA	1	1
POISONING:		
ALCOHOLIC - OVER ABUNDANCE OF ALCOHOL	1	
AMYTAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	1	
AMYTAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
ARSENIC - ACCIDENTAL INGESTION	1	
ARSENIC - ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF PLANT SPRAY	1	
ARSENIC - INGESTION OF ANT SYRUP	1	
ARSENIC - UNKNOWN	2	
ASPIRIN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
BARBITURATES - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	14	
BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE	1	
BARBITURATES - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	3	
BARBITURATES - UNKNOWN	2	
BARBITURATES & CODEINE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO AFIRE	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - CHAIR AFIRE - CIGARETTE	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN ROOM	48	
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	3	
CARBON MONOXIDE - IN CAR	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - MOTOR BOAT ENGINE FUMES	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR	2	
CLEANING SOLVENT - OLD AGE	1	
CYANIDE - INFANT DRANK METAL POLISH	1	
CYANIDE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
EMOTIONAL UPSET	1	
ETHANOL - ACUTE, EXCESSIVE DRINKING	1	
ETHANOL & BARBITURATES - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
IPRAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	1	
KEROSENE - BOTTLE LEFT IN REACH OF CHILD	1	
KEROSENE - DRANK BY ACCIDENT	1	
MERCURY - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
METHYL SALICYLATE - DRANK OIL OF WINTERGREEN	1	
NARCOTIC - POSSIBLE OVERDOSE	1	
NEMBUTAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	3	
OPIUM DERIVATIVE - OVERDOSE	1	
PARALDEHYDE - OVERDOSE	1	
PENTOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	4	
PENTOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	6	
PHENOBARBITAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	3	
PHENOBARBITAL - DESPONDENT	1	
PHENOBARBITAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	7	
PHENOBARBITAL - UNKNOWN	2	
PHENOL - ATTEMPT TO COMMIT ABORTION	1	
PHENOL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT, HOMICIDE OR SUICIDE	1	
PHENORETIN - INGESTION OF ASPIRIN & ANACIN	1	
SECONAL - OVERDOSE OF SLEEPING TABLETS	5	
SECONAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	5	
TUINAL - UNKNOWN	1	
VENOM - SNAKE BITE	1	
TOTAL	144	144

PULMONARY EDEMA:

GASTRIC ASPIRATION FOR SUSPECTED POISONING	1	
FOLLOWING NITROUS OXIDE ANESTHESIA	1	
OVERDOSE OF ADRENALIN	1	
TOTAL	3	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

STABBING:

FAMILY QUARREL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1	
TOTAL	2	2

STRANGULATION:

ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED FOOD	1	
CAUGHT HEAD IN RAIL OF CRIB	1	
CAUGHT IN FLAGPOLE LANYARD	1	
CAUGHT IN PLAY HARNESS	1	
CAUGHT IN WASHING MACHINE WRINGER	1	
ELECTRIC CORD CAUGHT AROUND NECK	1	
HEAD CAUGHT IN UPRIGHTS OF CRIB	1	
HUNG SELF WHILE PLAYING	1	
ASPIRATION OF FOOD WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
HANGING - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
PRESSURE OF LUMBER	1	
ROLLED OFF BED	1	
STRANGLED ON ROPE SWING	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	14	14

SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATION OF FOOD	1	
ENTANGLED WITH CORD IN CRIB	1	
FACE DOWN IN CRIB	2	
FACE DOWN ON PILLOW	1	
FELL INTO WELL	1	
HEAD CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO BEDS	1	
REGURGITATED ASPIRATED MUCUS	1	
REGURGITATED MILK	2	
REGURGITATED ORANGE JUICE	1	
REGURGITATED VOMITUS	1	
REGURGITATION OF FOOD	2	
REGURGITATION - HIT IN ABDOMEN BY BASEBALL	1	
REGURGITATION OF STOMACH CONTENTS	1	
SMOKE - HOUSE AFIRE	1	
SMOTHERED IN BED CLOTHES	14	
SMOTHERED DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	2	
STRANGLED BY RIBBON	1	
SWALLOWED CHILI BEAN	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	36	36

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

SWALLOWED COINS:		
UNKNOWN	1	1
UNKNOWN:		
INCINERATION - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR HOMICIDE	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	2	2
		1030

SUICIDES

JULY	1948		65	
AUGUST	1948		34	
SEPTEMBER	1948		64	
OCTOBER	1948		61	
NOVEMBER	1948		64	
DECEMBER	1948		50	
JANUARY	1949		62	
FEBRUARY	1949		43	
MARCH	1949		62	
APRIL	1949		51	
MAY	1949		62	
JUNE	1949		57	
		TOTAL	675	675

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MALE		470	
FEMALE		205	
	TOTAL	675	675

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES		360	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY		315	
	TOTAL	675	675

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AGES

10 to 20 YEARS		8	
20 to 45 YEARS		265	
45 to 65 YEARS		288	
65 YEARS AND OVER		114	
	TOTAL	675	675

SUICIDES

NATURE

BURNING	2	
CARBON MONOXIDE	6	
CARBON MONOXIDE (AUTO EXHAUST)	66	
CUTTING	28	
DECAPITATION	1	
DROWNING	7	
ELECTROCUTION	1	
EXPLODED DYNAMITE CAP IN HANDS	1	
ILLUMINATING GAS	21	
INGESTION OF CAUSTIC & STAB WOUNDS OF HEAD	1	
LYING IN FRONT OF TRAIN	2	
SHOOTING	187	
STABBING	2	
STRANGULATION	91	
STRUCK BY TRAIN	1	
TOTAL	417	417

JUMPING:

FROM BRIDGE	6	
FROM BUILDING	43	
FROM CLIFF	1	
FROM FIRE ESCAPE	1	
FROM PALISADES	1	
IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	2	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	1	
TOTAL	55	55

POISONING:

AMMONIA WATER	1
AMYTAL	5
AMYTAL & PENTOBARBITAL	1
ANTIMONY	1
ANT PASTE	18
ANT POWDER	1
ARSENIC	10
BARBITAL	1
BARBITURATE & ALCOHOL & PARALDEHYDE	1
BARBITURATE & ARSENIC	1
BARBITURATES	45
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	2
CHLORAL HYDRATE	1
CHLOROFORM	1
CYANIDE	17
FLUORIDE	6
FORMALDEHYDE	1

SUICIDES

NATURE

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

HYDROCHLORIC ACID	2	
INSECT SPRAY	1	
LYE	1	
LYSOL	3	
MERCURIL-CYANIDE	1	
MURIATIC ACID	1	
NEMBUTAL	10	
NEMBUTAL & SECONAL	1	
NICOTINE	10	
PARIS GREEN	1	
PENTOBARBITAL	17	
PHENOBARBITAL	14	
PHOSPHORUS	7	
POTASSIUM CYANIDE	1	
SECONAL	16	
SODIUM FLUORIDE	1	
STRYCHNINE	1	
THEOPHYLLIN	1	
VARIOUS ANALGESICS & OPIATES	1	
TOTAL	203	203
		675

SUICIDES

CAUSES

AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	7	
ALCOHOLISM	1	
AVOIDING ARREST	4	
BUSINESS FAILURE	3	
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WORRY	1	
DESPONDENT OVER ARREST	1	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF HUSBAND	3	
DESPONDENT OVER DEATH OF WIFE	3	
DESPONDENT OVER WIFE'S ILL HEALTH	1	
DESPONDENT OVER LOSS OF SON	3	
DESPONDENT OVER LOSS OF GIRL FRIEND AND MOTHER	1	
DESPONDENT OVER LOVE AFFAIR	10	
DESPONDENCY	91	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	37	
EMOTIONAL UNBALANCE	1	
EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES	7	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	14	
FEAR OF ARREST	3	
FEAR OF BEING RETURNED TO PENITENTIARY	1	
FEAR OF GOING TO COURT	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	20	
GAMBLING LOSSES	1	
ILL HEALTH	279	
JEALOUSY	4	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	26	
MENTAL CONDITION	3	
MENTAL HEALTH	10	
MENTALLY DERANGED	1	
NERVOUS CONDITION	1	
OLD AGE	1	
REAL ESTATE TROUBLE	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	8	
UNKNOWN	127	
TOTAL	675	675

HOMICIDES

JULY	1948	18	
AUGUST	1948	4	
SEPTEMBER	1948	10	
OCTOBER	1948	11	
NOVEMBER	1948	7	
DECEMBER	1948	11	
JANUARY	1949	11	
FEBRUARY	1949	8	
MARCH	1949	8	
APRIL	1949	13	
MAY	1949	16	
JUNE	1949	15	
	TOTAL	132	132

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MALE	101	
FEMALE	31	
TOTAL	132	132

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	83	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	48	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	132	132

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LESS THAN ONE YEAR	5	
1 to 2 YEARS	1	
10 to 20 YEARS	6	
20 to 45 YEARS	91	
45 to 65 YEARS	22	
65 YEARS AND OVER	7	
TOTAL	132	132

HOMICIDES

NATURE

CUTTING	1	
DROWNING	3	
FIGHTING	10	
HEAD INJURIES	1	
MALNUTRITION	1	
SHOCK	1	
SHOOTING	67	
STABBING	28	
STRANGULATION	6	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	14	
TOTAL	132	132

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JUSTIFIABLE	35	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	96	
UNDETERMINED	1	
TOTAL	132	132

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BY A KNOWN PERSON	70	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	14	
BY HUSBAND	20	
BY WIFE	8	
BY SON	1	
BY FATHER	3	
BY MOTHER	2	
BY OFFICER	13	
BY PARENTS	1	
TOTAL	132	132

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

JUSTIFIABLE:

ALTERCATION	11	
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	2	
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	2	
ATTEMPTED THEFT OF CHICKENS	1	
ATTEMPT TO BREAK INTO TRAILER	1	
ATTEMPTING TO EVADE ARREST	6	
ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE	2	
DURING HOLDUP	1	
FIGHTING	2	
RESISTING ARREST	4	
SELF DEFENSE	3	
TOTAL	35	35

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

ALTERCATION	17	
ATTEMPTED HOLDUP	1	
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY	3	
ATTEMPTING ARREST	1	
BEFORE ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	1	
CHILD NEGLECT	1	
DELUSION OF PERSECUTION	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	12	
DURING HOLDUP	1	
DURING ROBBERY	1	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	3	
FIGHT OVER A WOMAN	1	
FIGHTING	4	
FINANCIAL WORRIES	1	
GAMBLING	1	
ILL HEALTH	1	
INTOXICATION	1	
JEALOUS RAGE	2	
JEALOUSY	1	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	2	
POSSIBLE BURGLARY	1	
POSSIBLE ROBBERY	1	
QUARREL	7	
QUARREL OVER MONEY	2	
REVENGE	7	
UNKNOWN	22	
TOTAL	96	96

UNDETERMINED:

FIGHTING	1	1
TOTAL		132

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL: BY KNOWN PERSON	2	
CRIMINAL: BY UNKNOWN PERSON	0	
SELF INDUCED	5	
SPONTANEOUS	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	10	10

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	7	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3	
TOTAL	10	10

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DIVORCED	1	
MARRIED	4	
SINGLE	3	
WIDOWED	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	10	10

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10 to 20 YEARS	3	
20 to 45 YEARS	7	
TOTAL	10	10

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	5	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	7	7

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3	
TOTAL	7	7

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AGES

20 to 45 YEARS	3	
45 to 65 YEARS	4	
TOTAL	7	7

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UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	13	13

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	10	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3	
TOTAL	13	13

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20 to 45 YEARS	6	
45 to 65 YEARS	2	
65 YEARS AND OVER	3	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	13	13

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FOUND IN OCEAN	1	
FOUND IN INCINERATOR	1	
POSTMORTEM DEGENERATION	10	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
TOTAL	13	13

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1948	2	
AUGUST	1948	6	
SEPTEMBER	1948	5	
OCTOBER	1948	1	
NOVEMBER	1948	0	
DECEMBER	1948	4	
JANUARY	1949	1	
FEBRUARY	1949	0	
MARCH	1949	6	
APRIL	1949	1	
MAY	1949	0	
JUNE	1949	2	
	TOTAL	28	28

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MALE	25	
FEMALE	3	
TOTAL	28	28

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	5	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	23	
TOTAL	28	28

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PASSENGER	10	
PILOT	15	
CO-PILOT	2	
PEDESTRIAN	1	
TOTAL	28	28

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ACCIDENTAL	25	
INDUSTRIAL	3	
TOTAL	28	28

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

(CONTINUED)

AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	1	
20 to 45 YEARS	24	
45 to 65 YEARS	2	
65 YEARS AND OVER	1	
TOTAL	28	28

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TYPE OF PLANE

ARMY JET	1	
MAIL PLANE	1	
PLEASURE	26	
TOTAL	28	28

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CAUSES

AIRPLANE COLLISION	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
EQUIPMENT FAILURE	2	
FAILED TO CLEAR LEDGE OF POST OFFICE	1	
FAILED TO PULL OUT OF NOSEDIVE	1	
HEAVY FOG	1	
INSUFFICIENT FUEL	1	
LOST CONTROL	6	
MECHANICAL FAILURE	1	
STRUCK HIGH TENSION WIRE	2	
WALKED INTO PROPELLER	1	
UNKNOWN	9	
TOTAL	28	28

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L.A.CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM	TOTALS
JULY	1948	28	19	47
AUGUST	1948	13	23	36
SEPTEMBER	1948	26	24	50
OCTOBER	1948	19	19	38
NOVEMBER	1948	9	22	31
DECEMBER	1948	32	29	61
JANUARY	1949	29	21	50
FEBRUARY	1949	15	17	32
MARCH	1949	20	16	36
APRIL	1949	26	15	41
MAY	1949	23	25	48
JUNE	1949	32	17	49
	TOTAL	272	247	519

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A.CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY	1948	162	187	9	358
AUGUST	1948	138	202	5	345
SEPTEMBER	1948	135	161	8	304
OCTOBER	1948	142	199	4	345
NOVEMBER	1948	147	192	11	350
DECEMBER	1948	194	211	9	414
JANUARY	1949	184	224	7	415
FEBRUARY	1949	141	174	8	323
MARCH	1949	157	197	7	361
APRIL	1949	146	169	6	321
MAY	1949	159	181	7	347
JUNE	1949	131	210	2	343
	TOTAL	1836	2307	83	4226

INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 3313

TOTAL CASES 7539

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

NUMBER OF BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	132
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	167
NUMBER OF BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	57
NUMBER OF EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIFENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 4300h OF PENAL CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE -	38
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	394
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED -	2356
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	2750
NUMBER EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	462
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3214
NUMBER OF CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	4325
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1948 to JUNE 30, 1949	7539

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS & INVESTIGATIONS	11915
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	61956
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	17967
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	317
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	485
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE -	25
NUMBER OF TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	485
NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1312
NUMBER OF PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	10098
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	4226
NUMBER OF VERDICTS OF JURIES	485
NUMBER OF JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS -	3633
NUMBER OF WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2595
NUMBER OF ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	196
NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN: THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	332

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	1014
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	1994
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	57
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	72
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE	47
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS MADE AND PROCESSED	415
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY	2211
NUMBER OF CHEMICAL TESTS NECESSARY FOR ABOVE CASES INCLUDING ALCOHOL	9297
NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR ALCOHOL DETERMINATION	1843

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1948-49

	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES
SALARIES AND WAGES	$ 224,140.00	$231,265.83
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	35,780.00	33,076.87
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	$ 259,920.00	$264,342.70

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REVENUES COLLECTED

FISCAL YEAR 1948-49

EMBALMING FEES	$ 59,720.00
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	4,298.34
WITNESS FEES	91.00
SHERIFF'S FEES	0.00
GENERAL FUND	15.00
	$ 64,124.34

CHEMICAL ANALYSES - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive case is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	POSITIVE TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO COLLISION & NON-COLLISION	91	191
	32.3%	67.7%
AUTO-PEDESTRIAN	74	119
	38.3%	61.7%
HOMICIDES	50	47
	51.5%	48.5%
SUICIDES	126	172
	42.3%	57.7%