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I N T E R C I T Y - W E S T E R N

C. Robert E. Chishen was in dump car when the derailment happen. I had my flashlight to look around the car to see everyone ~~was~~^{else} was alright and the emergency lights was on. I pull the emergency window out, by that time the firemen was there and they use a ladder to get us down because car was on it side, what a great effort they use.

Just minutes before the derailment occurred I had walked into the Dorm Car, and was standing in front of my room when I felt an unusual bumpiness with the car. I sat down in my room, and the car turned on its side. When everything came to a stand still I fell from the seat on top of the door (which was previously open, but closed on impact) of the adjacent room. The door became the floor for me. I experienced a sore left shoulder through the fall, but I seem to be otherwise okay.

Jimmie W. Coleman

Debra L. Barnes
Chicago, Ill

3-19-02

I was going through the Lounge car
Head toward the 512 Coach where I was
working and I was distracted by two
passenger on two different occasion
asking me question. the car started shaking
very hard, back and forward, the light
went out I was thrown backward into
the wall and hit my head I was
out for a while, Dazed, confused, and
scared. I look toward the door where
I was headed and saw the grey
curtain swing and the rest of the train
gone, I was mostly out until I was
helped out by Firemen & Passenger.

3/19/2001

Rhonda Nelson

I was in the bed and ~~the~~ sleep,
when the next thing I felt
the train turning pulling next thing
everything was upside down.

My name is Antonio Keenandy, I was working
Car # 532 - Sleeper on train # 5 to Calif.
I was cleaning the coffee pot when I hear
a very loud noise and then the brakes and
I went flying across the hallway and hit
my back on the edge of the bathroom door and
then was hitting the other side of the wall
and I hear people run out of their rooms
tried to get off the train.

Michael L. Brown
SA. # 2 train

March
19, 2001

I was with the crew
car. In preparation for
bed. When suddenly the
train took the move
for the worst

DONALD HEAD

I was in the crew car in a room talking to ~~the~~ 2 crew members when the train started to shake. The next thing everything when crazy.

Theodis Hatter

About 11:30 PM, of March I was
in my sleeper, Car 531 Car. I was
in the ~~UPPER~~ UPPER Rest Room
in the Hall wall. I heard a loud noise,
like a boom. Then the Train Staff started,
all a sudden a sudden stop that threw
me out of the Rest Room. I knew then
we were off the track on the ground.

From that moment on I start checking
to see if every one was O.K. Then we
just waited the rest of the night.

Theodis Hatter

March 17-01

March 19-01

Willie L. Jones

I was In The Bed At The
Time of Incident

Jacob Thompson

I was in bed in crew car
at 11:50 a car flipped on its side
Fire Rescue come and helped us
out.

Claudean Holberton

I was in the Crew transition sleeper in the bathroom when it all happened. I thought we were in a curve when I realized that we would never straighten up. I was thrown against the wall hit my head and back then I realized a pole was coming through the wall. After that Mr. Donald Head called out to me to get me out.

My name is Sheron Tucker - LSA on Train 5.
I had just taken a shower and gone to bed, when the
train started shaking more so than normal, and I knew
we were going down. At first the silence was
deafening, and then I started hearing all the crew
members voices, and knew that we were all alive.

We were all disoriented, but finally everyone
helped each other getting out of the car. The
emergency crews were wonderful in helping us out
and into the ambulances. So glad it's over and we
are alright.

Sincerely,
Sheron L. Tucker

UNIVERSITY, WESTERN REGION

Amtrak

March 19, 01

Saturday March 17, 01

On Saturday night, about
about 11 P.M. I was sitting in
the diner, completing my dinner
meal while seated the train

started to rattle, while going
over some rough track, about
15 minutes after leaving
Ocala, Iowa. I picked up
bottles and glasses of liquid
on top of table of the diner.

Then I walked to the crew
car and went to bed about 11:15 P.M.
The crew car started shaking
drastically roughly after about
10 minutes as I lay in
bed. I rolled to the right and
hit my head on the top bunk
as I hit the window. Then all
was still and quiet. I could
hear no one!

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I immediately looked up
got out of bed and tried to see
out, but I felt trapped. I could
only hear water running.
Not scared though everyone was
dead, I was trapped. Couldn't
get out and the car was going
to catch on fire or be filled
with smoke.

I pushed the walls the
floor everything trying to get
out. Couldn't hear conductor
or no one. Finally lifted up
the door that was sideways in
the Handicapped room. I placed
my suitcase under door, dressed
and crawled out on top of
bathroom doors. Then
Crawled up stairs where other
crew members were. Looked
for a window and found one
in Robert Childan's room.
We both crawled up and out
of crew car to see if it was
a fire anywhere. Smelled
smoke.

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Started helping recruit workers
lifting injured from 11 car. Helped
lift crew members being borne
onto ambulance. Helped to injure
passengers into ambulances.

Found one deceased passenger.

Helped all guests get into
Community Center.

Rode to Mercy Hospital
in ambulance with Michael

Bisner. Got to Hospital
with about 40 guests and
crew members were treated.

Talked to Dan Butler and
was instructed to assist all
at Hospital and stay with

them until we were back
to Okmaha. We talked with

all guests about baggage
on train their health and

what that Amtrak was going
to get all of them to their
destinations.

INTEGRITY WESTERN REGION

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Left Mercy Hospital on
Amtrak Betts car about
10 A.M. Sunday for Omaha
arrived in Omaha Sunday
at about 11:30 P.M.

Before Train Week, the
power from the engines was
going out at every stop.
We were in the darkness
and without power for 10 minutes
at every stop until Stonewall.

signed

Venson Brown
Ford Specialist
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Amtrak # 5

March 19, 01

P.S. The Baggage car disconnected
from the mail car and two engines.
The Baggage car crew car stayed
hooked together, crew car rolled on its
side baggage car stayed upright, 10 car
stayed up, 11 car rolled, 12 car stayed up
as did the lounge, Dinner and 2 sleepers -

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