Officer's Report

4/4/44

J. B. Cook

At 4 p.m., Officer Stowers reported that Officer Frost had not checked in at the station with the other men.

At 4:45 p.m., I checked his beat (No. 1) and found him sitting in his car with his head on his hand. I waited perhaps two or three minutes and honked the horn on the Ford Convertable I was driving and that failed to awaken him.

I came back to the station and looked for a suitable witness. I then returned to the food warehouse where Frost was sleeping, and could not awaken him by speaking to him. I then went over and opened the car door which let him slip some and that awakened him and he wanted to know what I wanted. At this time he still held his head in his hand. During this conversation he did not raise his head. His voice was thick and slow and his eyes bleary. I told him he was too drunk to work on a shift I was in charge of and that he was relieved of duty and was ordered to report to Senior Officer Mahrt.

I went to the home of Officer Mahrt and he accompanied me in the car until we met Frost driving toward us in his car. At this time Frost appeared in a much better condition and was sitting up straight. He wanted to know if he was drunk and I again told him he was too drunk to work on my shift. Mr. Mahrt went over and talked with him. Mr. Mahrt did not think he was sober enough to work.

About 8 p.m., I went to the food warehouse and Frost's car was parked there but I could not see him. I talked to Officer Hamilton at that time.

About 8:10 I returned to the warehouse and asked Frost who was sitting in the office, if Mr. Mahrt had told him to work and he said that he hadn't and I told him that he was not going to work tonight. He put up an argument about the lock being off the army stove warehouse, and I refused to argue with him.

4/5/44 1:05 a.m.

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At approximately 8:05 p.m., 4/4/44, I went to the food warehouse in district No. 1 and found Officer Hamilton coming out of the warehouse toward car 600-05 and I asked him what he was doing there and he said that he had come to get a loaf of bread. I told him they did not sell bread there and he replied that he was hungry. I also asked him who gave him permission to drive the car there and he said no one.

I ordered him to return to his beat and report to Chief Schmidt in the morning.

Later he called Officer Stowers (see daily report submitted by Stowers and me) about three times and demanded that he be relieved of duty immediately. Officer Stowers sent Officer Strong to relieve him, which met with my approval.

Mr. Hamilton failed to report for duty Sunday, but called in and said that it was all right with Officer Mahrt.

J. B. Cook

4/5/44 1:20 a.m. At about 9 p.m., 4/4/44, Officer Porterfield called the station and had a long conversation with Officer Stowers. Stowers turned the phone over to me and Porterfield requested that I take him over to the Colonial Police Dept.

When Porterfield got into my car and on the way to the colony he continued his line of drunken talk. After he got into the colony he changed his mind and got out at block No. 16. I let him out there.

I returned to the station and reported to Chief Schmidt that Porterfield was drunk and we then went to the colony so that Chief Schmidt could see him. We cruised the area for perhaps an hour but failed to pick him up.

I realize now that I made a mistake in leaving him in the colony.

J.B. Cont

4/5/44 1:30 p.m. Daily Report.

March 17th 1944.

Whitwell in charge. Cook,Files. Ely Hospital. Westfall,Day off. Hughes,Patrol.

Porterfield.Infestigations. Turnbull, " Burden,Gate # 2. Costello,Colony.

All officers reported on time.

10.15, PM.Hughes reported that he had tagged the Project Directors car for too near building.

No furthur incidents to report.

Wim B Whitwell Sr Officer.