

Adam Rambowski, 919 King Street, Alexander, Virginia, being first duly sworn, made the following responses to questions propounded by D. W. Kennamer, Investigator, Veterans Administration, in the investigation re Florida Hurricane, Sept. 2, 1935:

Q. State your name and home address.

A. Adam Rambowski, Alexander, Virginia, 919 King St.

Q. Have you any near relatives you can give name and address of.

A. I don't care to give any, but she lives at that address.

Q. Are you a veteran.

A. Yes, I hope so.

Q. Were you at the Veterans Camp prior to the storm.

A. I was there 9 months the 19th of this month.

Q. What camp were you assigned to.

A. 3.

Q. Were you there during the storm.

A. We left there about between 3 and 4:00 o'clock with a pick-up.

Q. Who was with you.

A. John Dombrauski.

Q. Where did you go from camp 3.

A. We first stopped at Mr. King's place. He was the truck master. From there we went to #1. Stuck around there until between 6 and 7:00.

Q. Where did you go from there.

A. From camp #1 to Homstead.

Q. You traveled all that way in the truck.

A. Yes. We had to stop several different times.

Q. Did you receive any injury from the storm.

A. Yes. This side of Homstead where we were the water and waves were coming over top of truck. We got out. We notices an object ahead of us moving. It stopped dead; the wave had hit it so hard. He put it in reverse, stepped onstarter and backed up til we got to post that said left turn. After we backed up we got out and seen a couple and pulled them to the truck. Instead of getting the truck, I hanged on to him. After the woman we picked up came to, we tried to push the truck across, and that is where I injured my back. They were in a V-8.

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Water  
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truck

- Q. The only injury you got was to your back.  
 A. Yes. My ankle twisted, but that is over.
- Q. What was the condition of the weather Sunday <sup>night</sup> and Monday morning.  
 A. It was raining, the wind was blowing, and Monday morning was worse. It kept on getting worse as the day was going on.
- Q. Did it look like you were going to have a hurricane some-time before 2:00 o'clock.  
 A. Yes, sir. It was blowing pretty hard right then. It was hardly fit to get outside at all.
- Q. Were any of the men quartered in tents.  
 A. No. We didn't have no tents.
- Q. How about the other camps.  
 A. Number 5 was. The frame was standing there. They took the canvas off and put a roof on it.
- Q. Did you have enough motor transportation to get out of it.  
 A. Yes.
- Q. Was it in running order.  
 A. Yes.
- Q. What did you do in the camp.  
 A. I was in the warehouse.
- Q. You didn't drive trucks.  
 A. No, but I was where the trucks were all the time, and any time I needed a truck I would call driver and he would come up.
- Q. Can you drive a truck.  
 A. Yes.
- Q. Why wasn't the motor transportation used to get some of the men away from there.  
 A. Me and this mechanic John went to the garage. We were planning to steal some trucks. When we got to the garage, Mr. Sherron and Nushow, a veteran acting as secretary. He demanded the keys. He pulled them out and gave them to him.
- Q. Were you going to take the trucks to get away with the trucks, or to get away with the men.  
 A. To get away with the men.
- Q. Was the purpose to steal the trucks or get away from the area.  
 A. To get away from the area.
- Q. You had become alarmed about the danger.  
 A. Yes. We had 5 stake bodies and 5 dumpers.

*Planning to steal truck #3*

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- Q. Are there any other facts about the matter you wish to state.
- A. No. We spread the news to some of the boys about getting the trucks. He demanded the keys, so we left. We left in the pick-up. He didn't have anything to do with that.

I certify that this is a true transcript of my stenographic notes.

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